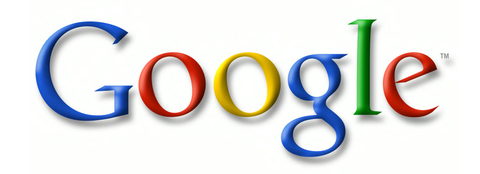




A METHOD FOR PRAYER.

WITH

Scripture Expressions,

PROPER TO BE USED UNDER EACH HEAD.

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TO THE READER.

RELIGION is so much the business of our lives, and the worship of God so much the business of our religion, that what hath a sincere intention and probable tendency to promote and assist the acts of religious worship, I think, cannot be unacceptable to any that wish well to the interests of God's kingdom among men; for if we have spiritual senses exercised, true devotion, that aspiring flame of pious affections to God, as far as in a judgment of charity we discern it in others (though in different shapes and dresses, which may seem uncouth to one another) cannot but appear beautiful and amiable, and as far as we feel it in our own breasts, cannot but be found very pleasant and comfortable.

Prayer is a principal branch of religious worship, which we are moved to by the very light of nature, and obliged by some of its fundamental laws. Pythagoras's golden verses begin with this precept, 'Whatever men make a God of they pray to;' *Deliver me, for thou art my God*, Isa. xliv. 17. Nay, whatever they pray to, they make a God of,—*Deos qui rogat ille fecit.* 'Tis a piece of respect and homage so exactly consonant to the natural ideas, which all men have of God, that it is certain, those that live without prayer, live without God in the world.

Prayer is the solemn and religious offering of devout acknowledgments and desires to God, or a sincere representation of holy affections, with a design to give unto God the glory due unto his name thereby, and to obtain from him promised favours, and both through the Mediator. Our English word Prayer is too strait, that properly signifies petition or request; whereas humble adoration of God and thanksgivings to him, are as necessary in prayer as any other part of it. The Greek word *proseuche*, from *Euche*, is *a vow directed to God.* The *Latin* word *Votum* is used for prayer; *Jonah's* mariners with their sacrifices made vows; for prayer is to move and oblige

ourselves, not to move and oblige God: *Clem. Alexandrinus, Strom. 7.* p. 722 *Edit. Colon.* calls prayer (with an excuse for the boldness of the expression) *Homila pros ton Theon*, 'tis *conversing with God.* And it is the scope of a discourse of his there, to show that his *ho gnosticos; i. e.* his *believer* (for faith is called knowledge, and *p.* 719 he makes his companions to be *hoi homoioos pepisteucotes*, those that have in like manner believed) lives a life of communion with God, and so is praying always; that he studies by his prayers continually to converse with God. Some (saith he) have their stated hours of prayer, but he *para holon euchetai ton bion*, *prays all his life long*. The scripture describes prayer to be our drawing near to God, lifting up our souls to him, pouring out our hearts before him,

This is the life and soul of prayer; but this soul in the present state must have a body, and that must be such as becomes the soul, and is suited and adapted to it. Some words there must be, of the mind at least, in which, as in the smoke, this incense mast ascend; not that God may understand us, for our thoughts afar off are known to him; but that we may the better understand ourselves.

A golden thread of heart-prayer must run through the web of the whole Christian life; we must be frequently addressing ourselves to God in short and sudden ejaculations, by which we must keep up our communion with God in providences and common actions, as well as ordinances and religious services. Thus prayer must be *sparsim* (a sprinkling of it) in every duty, and our eyes must be ever towards the Lord.

In mental prayer thoughts are words; and they are the firstborn of the soul, which are to be consecrated to God. But if when we pray alone, we see cause, for better fixing of our minds and exciting of our devotion, to clothe our conceptions with words; if the conceptions be the genuine products of a new nature, we would think words should not be far to seek: *Verbaque prævisam rem non invita sequuntur.* Nay, if the groanings be such as cannot be uttered, he that searcheth the heart knows them to be the mind of the spirit, and will accept of them, and answer the voice of our breathing, *Lam.* iii. 56. Yet through the infirmity of the flesh, and the aptness of our hearts

to wander and trifle, it is often necessary that words should go first, and be kept in mind for the directing and exciting of devout affections, and in order thereunto, the assistance here offered, I hope, will be of some use.

When we join with others in prayer, who are our mouth to God, our minds must attend them, by an intelligent, believing concurrence with what is the sense, scope, and substance of what they say, and affections working in us suitable thereunto; and this the scripture directs us to signify, by saying *Amen* mentally, if not vocally, at their giving of thanks, 1 *Cor.* xiv. 16. And, as far as our joining with them will permit, we may intermix pious ejaculations of our own with their addresses, provided they be pertinent, that not the least fragment of praying time may be lost.

But he that is the mouth of others in prayer, whether in public or in private, and therein useth that *parrosia*, that freedom of speech, that holy liberty of prayer which is allowed us, *and which we are sure many good Christians have found by experience to be very comfortable and advantageous in this duty*, ought not only to consult the workings of his own heart, (*through them principally as putting most life and spirit into the performance*,) but the edification also of those that join with him; and both in matter and words should have an eye to that; and for service in that case, I principally design this endeavour.

That bright ornament of the church, the learned Dr. *Wilkins*, bishop of *Chester*, has left us an excellent performance, much of the same nature with this, in his discourse concerning the gift of prayer; which some may think, makes this of mine unnecessary; but the multiplying of books of devotion is what few serious Christians will complain of; and as on the one hand, I am sure those that have this poor essay of mine will still find great advantage by that, so on the other hand, I think those who have that, may yet find some farther assistance by this.

It is desirable that our prayers should be copious and full: our burdens, cares, and wants, are many, so are our sins and mercies. The promises are numerous and very rich; our God gives liberally, and hath bid us open our mouths wide and he will fill them, will satisfy them

with good things. We are not straitened in him, why then should we be stinted or straitened in our bosoms? Christ had taught his disciples the Lord's prayer, and yet tells them, John, xvi. 24, that *hitherto* they had *asked nothing*; *i. e.* nothing in comparison with what they should ask when the spirit should be poured out, to abide with the church forever; and they should see greater things than these. Then ask and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full, we are encouraged to be particular in prayer, and in every thing make our request known to God, as we ought also to be particular in the adoration of the divine perfections, in the confession of our sins, and our thankful acknowledgment of God's mercies.

But since at the same time, we cannot go over the tenth part of the particulars fit to be the matter of prayer, without making the duty burdensome to the flesh, which *is weak*, even where *the spirit is willing* (an extreme which ought *carefully* to be avoided) and without danger of entrenching upon other religious exercises, it will be requisite that what is but *briefly touched upon* at one time, should be *enlarged upon* at another time: and herein this storehouse of materials for prayer may be of use to put us in remembrance of our several errands at the throne of grace, that none may be quite forgotten.

And it is requisite to the decent performance of the duty, that some proper method be observed, not only that what is said be good, but that it be said in its proper place and time; and that we offer not any thing to the glorious Majesty of heaven and earth which is confused, impertinent and indigested. Care must be taken then, more than ever, that we be not rash with our mouth, nor hasty to utter any thing before God; that we say not what comes uppermost, nor use such repetitions as evidence not the fervency, but the barrenness and slightness of our spirits; but that the matters we are dealing with God about, being of such vast importance, we observe a decorum in our words, that they be well chosen, well weighed, and well placed.

And as it is good to be methodical in prayer, so it is to be sententious: the Lord's prayer is remarkably so; and David's psalms, and many of St. Paul's prayers, which

we have in his epistles: we must consider that the greatest part of those that join with us in prayer will be in danger of losing or mistaking the sense, if the period be long, and the parenthesis many; and in this, as in other things, they who are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak. Jacob must lead, as the children and flocks can follow.

As to the words and expressions we use in prayer, though I have here in my enlargements upon the several heads of prayer confined myself almost wholly to scripture language, because I would give an instance of the sufficiency of the scripture to furnish us for every good work, yet I am far from thinking but that it is convenient and often necessary to use other expressions in prayer, besides those that are purely scriptural; only I would advise that the sacred dialect be most used, and made familiar to us and others in our dealing about sacred things; that language, Christian people are most accustomed to, most affected with, and will most readily agree to; and where the scriptures are opened and explained to the people in the ministry of the word, scripture language will be most intelligible, and the sense of it best apprehended. This is sound speech that cannot be condemned; and those that are able to do it, may do well to enlarge by way of descant or paraphrase upon the scriptures they make use of; still speaking according to that rule, and comparing spiritual things with spiritual, that they may illustrate each other.

And it is not to be reckoned a perverting of scripture, but it is agreeable to the usage of many divines, especially the Fathers, and I think is warranted by divers quotations in the New Testament out of the Old, to allude to a scripture phrase, and to make use of it by way of accommodation to another sense, than what was the first intendment of it, provided it agree with the analogy of faith. As for instance these words, *Ps.* lxxxvii. 7, *All my springs are in thee*—may very fitly be applied to God, though there it appears by the feminine article in the original, to be meant of *Zion*; nor has it ever been thought any wrong to the scripture phrase, to pray for the blessings of the upper *springs*, and the nether *springs*, though the expression from which it is borrowed, *Judges*

i. 15. hath no reference at all to what we mean : but by common use, every one knows the signification, and many are pleased with the significancy of it.

Divers heads of prayer may no doubt be added to those which I have here put together, and many scripture expressions too, under each head, (for I have only set down such as first occurred to my thoughts) and many other expressions too, not in scripture words, which may be very comprehensive and emphatical, and apt to excite devotion. And perhaps, those who covet earnestly this excellent gift, and covet to excel in it, may find it of use to them to have such a book as this interleaved, in which to insert such other heads and expressions as they think will be most agreeable to them, and wanting here. And though I have here recommended a good method for prayer, and that which has been generally approved, yet I am far from thinking we should always tie ourselves to it: that may be varied as well as the expression : thanksgiving may very aptly be put sometimes before confession or petition, or our intercessions for others before our petitions for ourselves, as the Lord's prayer. Sometimes one of these parts of prayer may be enlarged upon much more than another ; or they may be decently interwoven in some other method : *Ars est celare artem.*

There are those (I doubt not) who at some times have their hearts so wonderfully elevated and enlarged in prayer, above themselves ; at other times such a fixedness and fullness of thought, such a fervour of pious and devout affections, the product of which, is such fluency and variety of pertinent and moving expressions, and in such a just and natural method, that then to have an eye to such a scheme as this, would be a hindrance to them, and would be in danger to cramp and straiten them ; if the heart be full of its good matter, it may make the tongue as the pen of a ready writer. But this is a case that rarely happens, and ordinarily there is need of proposing to ourselves a certain method to go by in prayer, that the service may be performed decently and in order, in which, yet one would avoid that which looks too formal. A man may write straight, without having his paper ruled.

Some few forms of prayer I have added in the last

chapter, for the use of those who need such helps, and that know not how to do as well or better without them; and therefore I have calculated them for families. If any think them too long, let them observe that they are divided into many paragraphs, and those mostly independent, so that when brevity is necessary, some paragraphs may be omitted.

But after all, the intention and close application of the mind, the lively exercises of faith and love, and the outgoings of holy desire towards God, are so essentially necessary to prayer, that without these in sincerity, the best and most proper language is but a lifeless image. If we had the tongue of men and angels, and have not the heart of humble serious Christians in prayer, we are but as a sounding brass and a tinkling cymbal. 'Tis only the effectual fervent prayer, the *Deesis energumene*, the inwrought, inlaid prayer that avails much. Thus, therefore, we ought to approve ourselves to God in the integrity of our hearts, whether we pray by or without a precomposed form.

When I had finished the third volume of Expositions of the Bible, which is now in the press, before I proceed, as I intend, in an humble dependence on the Divine providence and grace, to the fourth volume, I was willing to take a little time from that work to this poor performance, in hopes it might be of some service to the generation of them that seek God, that seek the face of the God of *Jacob*; and if any good Christian receive assistance from it in their devotions, I hope they will not deny me one request, which is, that they will pray for me, that I may obtain mercy of the Lord, to be found among the faithful watchmen on *Jerusalem's* walls, *Who never hold their peace day nor night, but give themselves* to the *word and prayer*, that at length *I may finish my course with joy*.

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A Method for Prayer.

CHAP. I.

Of the first Part of PRAYER, *which is Address to* GOD, *Adoration of him, with suitable Acknowledgments, Professions and preparatory Requests.*

Our spirits being composed into a very reverend and serious frame, our thoughts gathered in, *and all that is within us* charged in the name of the great God, carefully to attend the solemn and awful service that lies before us, and to keep close to it, we must with a fixed attention and application of mind, and an active lively faith, *set the* LORD BEFORE US, see his eye upon us, and set ourselves in his special presence, presenting ourselves to him as living sacrifices, which we desire may be holy and acceptable, and a reasonable service ;*a* and then bind these sacrifices with cords to the horns of the altar,*b* in such thoughts as these :

Let us now lift up our hearts,*c* with our eyes and hands unto God in the heavens.*d*

Let us stir up ourselves to take hold on God,*e* to seek his face, and to give him the glory due unto his name.*g*

Unto thee, O Lord, do we lift up our souls.*h*

Let us now, with humble boldness, enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, in the new and Living way,*i* which he hath consecrated to us through the Veil.*k*

a Rom. xii. 1. *b* Psal. cxviii. 27. *c* Lam. iii. 41.
d John xvii. 1. *e* Isa. lxiv. 7. *g* Psal. xxvii. 8. xxix. 2.
h Psal. xxv. 1. *i* Heb. x. 19. *k* 1 Cor. vii. 35.

Let us now attend upon the Lord without distraction, and let not our hearts be far from him, when we draw nigh unto him with our mouths, and honour him with our lips.*a*

Let us now worship God; who is a SPIRIT, in spirit and in truth : for such the Father seeks to worship him.*b*

Having thus engaged our hearts to approach unto God,*c*

1. *We must solemnly address ourselves to that* INFINITELY GREAT *and* GLORIOUS *Being with whom we have to do, as those that are possessed with a full belief of his* PRESENCE *and a holy awe and reverence of his* MAJESTY; *which we may do in such expressions as these.*

HOLY, holy, holy Lord God Almighty, which art, and wast, and art to come.*d*

O thou whose name alone is JEHOVAH, and who art the most HIGH over all the earth!*e*

O God, thou art our God, early will we seek thee;*g* our God and we will praise thee; our father's God and we will exalt thee.*h*

O thou who art the true God, the living God, the only living and true God, and the everlasting King!*i* The Lord our God, who is one Lord.*k*

And we may thus distinguish ourselves from the worshippers of false gods.

The idols of the heathen are silver and gold, they are vanity and a lie, the works of men's hands; they that make them are like unto them, and so is every one that trusteth in them.*l* But the portion of *Jacob* is not like them, for he is the former of all things, and *Israel* is the rod of his inheritance; the Lord of hosts is his name,*m* God over all, blessed for evermore.*n*

Their rock is not our rock, even the enemies themselves being judges; for he is the rock of ages,*o* the Lord Jehovah, with whom is everlasting strength:*p* whose name shall endure for ever, and his memorial unto all generations,*q* when the gods that have not made

a Mat. xv. 8. *b* John, iv. 23 24. *c* Jer. xxx. 21. *d* Rev. iv. 6. *e* Psal. lxxxiii. 18. *g* Ps. lxxxiii. 1. *h* Exod. xv. 2 *i* Jer. x. 10. *k* Deut. vi. 4. *l* Psal. cxv. 4. *m* Jer. x. 15. 16. *n* Rom. ix. 5. *o* Deut. xxxii. 31. *p* Isa. xxvi. 4. *q* Psal. cxxxv. 13.

the heavens and the earth shall perish from off the earth, and from under those heavens.*a*

2. *We must reverently adore God, as a Being transcendantly bright and blessed, self-existent, and self-sufficient, an infinite and eternal Spirit, that has all perfections in himself, and give him the glory of his titles and attributes.*

O Lord our God, thou art very great, thou art clothed with honour and majesty, thou coverest thyself with light as with a garment,*b* and yet, as to us, makest darkness thy pavilion,*c* for we cannot order our speech by reason of darkness.*d*

This is the message which we have heard of thee, and we set to our seal that it is true, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all :*e* and that God is love, and they that dwell in love, dwell in God, and God in them.*f*

Thou art the Father of light, with whom is no variableness or shadow of turning, and from whom proceed every good and perfect gift.*g*

Thou art the blesssed and only Potentate ; the King of kings, and Lord of lords, who only hast immortality, dwelling in the light, which no man can approach unto, which no man hath seen or can see.*h*

We must acknowledge his being to be unqestionable and past dispute.

The heavens declare thy glory, O God, and the firmament showeth thy handy-work,*i* and by the things that are made is clearly seen and understood thine eternal power and Godhead.*k* So that they are fools without excuse, who say there is no God ; for verily there is a reward for the righteous, verily there is a God that judgeth in the earth, and in heaven too.*l*

We therefore come to thee, believing that thou art, and that thou art the powerful and bountiful rewarder of them that diligently seek thee.*m*

Yet we must own his nature to be incomprehensible.

a Jer. x. 11. *b* Psal. civ. 1 2. *c* Ps. xviii. 11.
d Job. xxxvii. 19. *e* 1 John, i. 5. *f* John, iv. 16.
g James, i. 17. *h* 1 Tim. vi. 15, 16. *i* Psal. xix. 1.
k Rom. i, 20. *l* Psal. xiv, 1. lviii, 11. *m* Heb. xi. 6.

We cannot by searching find out God, we cannot find out the Almighty unto perfection.*a*

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.*b*

Who can utter the mighty acts of the Lord? who can show forth all his praise?*c*

—And his perfections to be matchless and without compare.

Who is a God like unto thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders?*d*

Who in the heaven can be compared unto the Lord; who among the sons of the mighty can be likened unto the Lord? O Lord God of hosts, who is a strong Lord like unto thee, or to thy faithfulness round about thee?*e*

Among the gods there is none like unto thee, O Lord, neither are there any works like unto thy works; for thou art great, and dost wondrous things; thou art God alone.*g*

There is not any creature that has an arm like God, or can thunder with a voice like him.*h*

—And that he is infinitely above us and all other beings.

Thou art God, and not man; hast not eyes of flesh, nor seest thou as a man seeth;*i* thy days are not as the days of man, nor thy years as man's days.*k*

As heaven is high above the earth, so are thy thoughts above our thoughts, and thy ways above our ways.*l*

All nations before thee are as a drop of the bucket, or the small dust of the balance, and thou takest up the isles as a very little thing: they are as nothing, and are counted to thee less than nothing and vanity.*m*

Particularly in our adorations we must acknowledge (1.) That he is an eternal God, immutable, without beginning of days, or end of life, or change of time.

Thou art the King eternal, immortal, invisible.*n*

Before the mountains were brought forth, or even thou hadst formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting thou art God;*o* the same yesterday, to-day, and for ever.*p*

a Job, xi. 7. *b* Psal. cxiv. 3. *c* Ps. cvi. 2.
d Ex. xv, 11. *e* Psal. lxxxix. 6, 8. *g* Psal. lxxxvi. 8. 10.
h Job, xl, 9. *i* Hos. xi. 9. *k* Job. x, 4, 5.
l Isa. lv, 9. *m* Isa. xl. 15, 17. *n* 1 Tim, i. 17.
o Psal. xc. 2. *p* Heb. xiii. 8.

Of old hast thou laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the works of thy hands; they shall perish, but thou shalt endure; yea, all of them shall wax old, like a garment, as a vesture shalt thou change them, and they shall be changed; but thou art the same, and thy years shall have no end.*a*

Thou art God, and changest not; therefore is it that we are not consumed.*b*

Art thou not from everlasting, O Lord our God, our holy One?*c* The everlasting God, even the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, who faintest not, neither art weary; there is no searching out of thine understanding.*d*

(2.) *That he is present in all places, and there is no place in which he is included, or out of which he is excluded.*

Thou art a God at hand, and a God afar off; none can hide himself in secret places that thou canst not see him, for thou fillest heaven and earth.*e*

Thou art not far from every one of us.*g*

We cannot go any where from thy presence, or fly from thy spirit; if we ascend into heaven, thou art there; if we make our bed in hell, in the depths of the earth, behold thou art there; if we take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there shall thy hand lead us, and thy right hand shall hold us, that we cannot outrun thee.*h*

(3.) *That he hath a perfect knowledge of all persons and things, and sees them all, even that which is most secret, at one clear, certain, and unerring view.*

All things are naked and open before the eyes of him with whom we have to do, even the thoughts and intents of the heart.*i*

Thine eyes are in every place beholding the evil and the good:*k* they run to and fro through the earth, that thou mayest show thyself strong on the behalf of those whose hearts are upright with thee.*l*

Thou searchest the heart and triest the reins; that

a Psal. cii. 25, 26, 27. *b* Mal. iii. 6. *c* Heb. i. 12.
d Isa. xl. 28. *e* Jer. xxiii. 23, 24. *g* Acts. xvii. 17.
h Psal. cxxxix. 7, 8, 9, 10. *i* Heb. iv. 12, 13. *k* Prov. xv. 3.
l 2 Chron. xvi. 9.

thou mayest give to every man according to his ways and according to the fruit of his doings.*a*

O God, thou hast searched us, and known us, thou knowest our down-sitting and our up-rising, and understandest our thoughts afar off: thou compassest our path and our lying down, and art acquainted with all our ways; there is not a word in our tongue, but lo, O Lord, thou knowest it altogether. Such knowledge is too wonderful for us; it is high, we cannot attain unto it.*b*

Darkness and light are both alike to thee.

(4.) *That his wisdom is unsearchable, and the counsels and designs of it cannot be fathomed.*

Thine understanding, O Lord, is infinite; for thou tellest the number of the stars, and callest them all by their names.*c*

Thou art wonderful in counsel, and excellent in working.*d* Wise in heart and mighty in strength.

O Lord, how manifold are thy works! in wisdom hast thou made them all;*e* all according to the counsel of thine own will.*g*

O the depth of the wisdom and knowledge of God!*h* how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out.

(5.) *That his sovereignty is incontestible, and he is the owner and absolute Lord of all.*

The heavens, even the heaven of heavens are thine, and all the host of them.*i* The earth is thine, and the fullness thereof, the world and they that dwell therein.*k* In thy hand are the deep places of the earth, and the strength of the hills is thine, also: the sea is thine, for thou madest it, and thy hands formed the dry land:*l* all the beasts of the forest are thine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills: thou art therefore a great God, and a great King above all gods.

In thy hand is the soul of every living thing, and the breath of all mankind.*m*

Thy dominion is an everlasting dominion; and thy kingdom is from generation to generation: thou dost ac-

a Jer. xvii. 10. *b* Psal. cxxxix. 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 12. *c* Ps. cxlvii. 4, 5. *d* Isa. xxviii. 29. Job, ix. 4. *e* Psal. civ. 24. *g* Eph. i. 11. *h* Rom. xi. 33. *i* Ps. cxv. 16. xxiv. 1. *k* Ps. xcv. 3, 4, 5. *l* Psal. i. 10. *m* Job xii. 10.

cording to thy will in the armies of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth, and none can stay thy hand, or say unto thee, What dost thou? Or why dost thou so? *a*

(6.) *That his power is irresistible, and the operations of it cannot be controuled.*

We know, O God, that thou canst do every thing, and that no thought can be withholden from thee: *b* power belongs unto thee; *c* and without thee nothing is impossible. *d*

All power is thine, both in heaven and in earth. *e*

Thou killest and thou makest alive, thou woundest and thou healest; neither is there any that can deliver out of thy hand. *g*

What thou hast promised, thou art able also to perform. *h*

(7.) *That he is a God of unspotted purity, and perfect rectitude.*

Thou art holy, O thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel. *i* Holy and reverend is thy name; *k* and we give thanks at the remembrance of thy holiness. *l*

Thou art of purer eyes than to behold iniquity, *m* neither shall evil dwell with thee. *n*

Thou art the rock, thy work is perfect, all thy ways are truth and judgment; a God of truth, and in whom is no iniquity. *o* Thou art our rock, and there is no unrighteousness in thee. *p*

Thou art holy in all thy works, *q* and holiness becomes thy house, O Lord, for ever. *r*

(8.) *That he is just in the administration of his government, and never did, nor ever will do wrong to any of his creatures.*

Righteous art thou, O God, when we plead with thee, *s* and wilt be justified when thou speakest, and clear when thou judgest. *t*

a Dan. ii. 34, 35. *b* Job xlii. 2. *c* Psal. lxii. 11.
d Luke i. 37. *e* Mat. xxviii. 18. *g* Deut. xxxii. 39.
h Rom. iv. 21. *i* Psal. xxii. 3. *k* Ps. cxi. 9.
l Psal. xxx. 4. *m* Hab. i. 13. *n* Ps. v. 4.
o Deut. xxxii. 4. *p* Psal. xci. 5. *q* Ps. cxlv. 17.
r Psal. xciii. 5. *s* Jer. xii. 1. *t* Psal. li. 4.

Far be it from God that he should do wickedness, and from the Almighty, that he should commit iniquity; for the work of a man shall he render unto him.*a*

Thy righteousness is as the great mountains, even then when thy judgments are a great deep!*b* And though clouds and darkness are round about thee, yet judgment and justice are the habitation of thy throne.*c*

(9.) *That his truth is invariable, and the treasures of his goodness inexhaustible.*

Thou art good, and thy mercy endures for ever.*d* Thy loving kindness is great towards us,*e* and thy truth endureth to all generations.*g*

Thou hast proclaimed thy name: the Lord, the Lord God, merciful and gracious, slow to anger, abundant in goodness and truth, keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity, transgression and sin.*h* And this name of thine is our strong tower.*i*

Thou art good, and dost good; good to all, and thy tender mercy is over all thy works.*k* But truly God is in a special manner good to *Israel,* even to them that are of a clean heart.*l*

O thou that wouldst cause thy goodness to pass before us;*m* that we may taste and see that the Lord is good; and his loving kindness may be always before our eyes.*n*

Lastly, That when we have said all we can of the glorious perfections of the Divine nature, we fall infinitely short of the merit of the subject.

Lo, these are but parts of his ways, and how little a portion is heard of God: but the thunder of his power who can understand?*o*

Touching the Almighty we cannot find him out; he is excellent in power and in judgment, and in plenty of justice;*p* and he is exalted far above all blessing and praise.*q*

We must give to God the praise of that splendour and glory wherein he is pleased to manifest himself in the upper world.

a Job xxiv. 10 11. *b* Psal. xxxvi, 6. *c* Psal. xcvii. 2.
d Psal. cxxxvi. 1. *e* Ps. c. 5 *g* Ps. cxvii. 2.
h Exod. xxxiv. 6 7. *i* Prov. xviii. 10. *k* Ps. cxlx. 68.
l Psal. cxlv. 9 lxxiii 1. *m* Exod. xxxiii. 19. *n* Ps. xxxiv. 8. xxvi, 3.
o Job xxvi. 14. *p* Job, xxxvii. 23. *q* Heb. [illegible] 5.

Thou hast prepared thy throne in the heavens,*a* and it is a throne of glory, high and lifted up, and before thee the seraphims cover their faces.*b* And it is in compassion to us, that thou holdest back the face of that throne and spreadest a cloud upon it.*c*

Thou makest thine angels spirits, and thy ministers a flame of fire.*d* Thousand, thousands of them minister unto thee, and ten thousand times ten thousand stand before thee to do thy pleasure.*e* They excel in strength, and hearken to the voice of thy word.*g* And we are come by faith and hope and holy love, into a spiritual communion with that innumerable company of angels, and the spirits of just men made perfect, even to the general assembly and church of the first-born, in the heavenly *Jerusalem.h*

4. *We must give glory to him as the Creator of the world, and the great protector, benefactor, and ruler of the whole creation.*

Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure, and for thy praise, they are and were created.*i*

We worship him that made the heaven and the earth, the sea and the fountains of waters ;*k* who spake, and it was done ; who commanded, and it stood fast ;*l* who said, Let there be light, and there was light ; let there be a firmament, and he made the firmament ; and he made all very good ;*m* and they continue this day, according to his ordinance, for all his servants.*n*

The day is thine, the night also is thine ; thou hast set all the borders of the earth ; thou hast made summer and winter.*o*

Thou upholdest all things by the word of thy power,*p* and by thee all things consist.*q*

The earth is full of thy riches ; so is the great and wide sea, also.*r* The eyes of all wait upon thee, and thou

a Psal. ciii. 19. *b* Isa. vi. 1, 2. *c* Job xxvi. 9.
d Psal. civ. 4. *e* Deut. vii. 10. *g* Psal. cxxx. 20, 21.
h Heb. xii. 21 23. *i* Rev. iv. 11. *k* Rev. xiv. 7.
l Psal. xxxiii. 9. *m* Gen. i. 3, 6, 7. *n* Psal. cxix. 91.
o Psal. lxxiv. 16 17. *p* Heb. i. 3. *q* Col. i. 17.
r Psal. civ. 24, 25.

givest them their meat in due season, thou openest thy hand, and satisfiest the desires of every living thing.a Thou preservest man and beast, and givest food to all flesh.b

Thou, even thou, art Lord alone; thou hast made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth and all things that are therein, the seas, and all that is therein, and thou preservest them all:c and the host of heaven worshippeth thee, whose kingdom ruleth over all.d

A sparrow falls not to the ground without thee.e

Thou madest man at first of the dust of the ground, and breathedst into him the breath of life, and so he became a living soul.g

And thou hast made of that one blood, all nations of men, to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hast determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation.h

Thou art the most high, who rulest in the kingdom of men, and givest it to whomsoever thou wilt;i for from thee every man's judgment proceeds.k

Hallelujah, the Lord God omnipotent reigns,l and doth all according to the counsel of his own will, to the praise of his own glory!m

5. *We must give honour to the three persons in the Godhead distinctly, to the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, that great and sacred name into which we were baptized, and in which we assemble for religious worship, in communion with the universal church.*

We pay our homage to three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost; for these three are one.

We adore thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth,o and the eternal Word, who was in the beginning with God, and was God, by whom all things were made, and without whom was not any thing made that was made, and who in the fullness of time was made flesh, and dwelt

a Psal. cxlv. 15, 16. b Psal. xxxvi, 6. c Neh. ix, 6.
d Psalm ciii. 19. e Mat. x. 29. g Gen. ii. 7.
h Acts xvii. 26. i Dan. iv. 25. k Prov. xxix. 27.
l Rev. xix, 6. m Eph. i, 11, 12. n 1 John v. 7.
o Mat. xi, 25.

among us, and showed his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.*a*

And since it is the will of God that all men should honour the Son as they honour the Father,*b* we adore him as the brightness of his Father's glory, and the express image of his person; herein joining with the angels of God, who were all bid to worship him.*c*

We pay our homage to the exalted redeemer,*d* who is the faithful witness, the first begotten from the dead, and the Prince of the kings of the earth, confessing that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father.*e*

We also worship the Holy Ghost the comforter, whom the Son hath sent from the Father, even the Spirit of truth,*g* who proceedeth from the Father, and who is sent to teach us all things to our remembrance,*h* who indited the scriptures, holy men of God writing them, as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.*i*

6. *We must acknowledge our dependence upon God, and our obligations to him, as our Creator, Preserver and Benefactor.*

Thou, O God, madest us, and not we ourselves, and therefore we are not our own, but thine, thy people, and the sheep of thy pasture;*k* let us therefore worship, and fall down, and kneel before the Lord our Maker.*l*

Thou, Lord, art the former of our bodies,*m* and they are fearfully and wonderfully made, and curiously wrought.*n* Thine eye did see our substance, yet being imperfect, and in thy book all our members were written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them.

Thou hast clothed us with skin and flesh, thou hast fenced us with bones and sinews; thou hast granted us life and favour, and thy visitation preserves our spirit.*o*

Thou art the Father of our spirits;*p* for thou formedst the spirit of man within him, and madest us these souls.*q* The Spirit of God hath made us,*r* and the breath

a John i. 1, 2, 8, 14. *b* John v. 23. *c* Heb. i. 5, 6.
d Rev. 1, 5. *e* Phil. ii. 11. *g* John xv, 26.
h John xiv. 26. *i* 2 Pet. i. 21. *k* Psalm c, 3.
l Psalm xcv. 6. *m* Psalm cxxxix. 14. *n* Psalm xv. 16.
o Job x. 11, 12. *p* Heb. xii, 19. *q* Zech. xii. 1.
r Jer. xxxviii. 16.

of the Almighty hath given us life.*a* Thou puttest wisdom in the inward part, and givest understanding to the heart.*b*

Thou art God our maker, and teachest us more than the beasts of the earth, and makest us wiser than the fowls of heaven.*c*

We are the clay, and thou our potter: we are the work of thy hand.*d*

Thou art he that tookest us out of the womb, and kept us in safety when we were at our mother's breast;*e* we have been cast upon thee from the womb, and held up by thee; thou art our God from our mother's bowels, and therefore praise shall be continually of thee.*g*

In thee, O God, we live and move, and have our being, for we are thine offspring.*h*

In thy hand our breath is, and thine are all our ways;*i* for the way of man is not in himself, neither is it in man that walketh to direct his steps;*k* but our times are in thy hand.*l*

Thou art the God that hast fed us all our life long unto this day, and redeemed us from all evil.*m*

It is of thy mercies that we are not consumed, even because thy compassions fail not, they are new every morning; great is thy faithfulness.*n*

If thou take away our breath we die, and return to the dust, out of which we were taken.*o*

Who is he that sayeth, and it cometh to pass, if thou commandest it not? Out of thy mouth, O most High, both evil and good proceed.*p*

7. *We must avouch this God to be our God, and own our relation to him, his dominion over us, and propriety in us.*

Our souls have said unto the Lord, thou art our God, though our goodness extendeth not unto thee,*q* neither if we are righteous art thou the better.*r*

Thou art our King, O God: other lords besides thee

a Job. 33, 4. *b* Job 30. 36. *c* Job 35. 10, 11,
d Isa. 64. 8. *e* Psalm 32, 9. 10. *g* Psalm 21, 6.
h Acts 71, 6. *i* Dan. 5. 23. *k* Jer. 10. 23.
l Psalm 31, 15. *m* Gen. 58, 15. *n* Lam. 3. 22, 23.
o Psalm 104. 29. *p* Lam. 3. 37, 38. *q* Psalm 16. 2.
r Job 34, 7.

have had dominion over us,*a* but from henceforth by thee only will we make mention of thy name.*b*

We avouch the Lord, this day, to be our God, to walk in his ways, and to keep his statutes, and his commandments, and his judgments, and to hearken to his voice, and give ourselves unto him, to be his peculiar people, as he hath promised, that we may be a holy people unto the Lord our God ;*c* and may be unto him for a name, and for a praise, and for a glory.*d*

O Lord, truly we are thy servants, we are thy servants, born in thy house, and thou hast loosed our bonds ;*e* we are bought with a price, and therefore we are not our own ;*g* but yield ourselves unto the Lord, and join ourselves to him in an everlasting covenant,*h* that shall never be forgotten.*i*

We are thine, save us, for we seek thy precepts :*k* 'tis thine own, Lord, that we give thee, and that which cometh of thine hand.*l*

8. *We must acknowledge it an unspeakable favour, and an inestimable privilege, that we are not only admitted, but invited and encouraged to draw nigh to God in prayer.*

Thou hast commanded us to pray always, with all prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, and to watch thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints,*m* to continue in prayer,*n* and in every thing, with prayer and supplication, to make our requests known to God.*o*

Thou hast directed us to ask, and seek, and knock, and hath promised that we shall receive, we shall find, and it shall be opened to us.*p*

Thou hast appointed us a great high-priest, in whose name we may come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may find mercy and grace to help in time of need.*q*

Thou hast assured us that while the sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the Lord, the prayer of the upright is his delight :*r* and that he that offers praise glorifies thee,*s* and the sacrifice of thanksgiving shall

a Psalm 44. 4. *b* Isa. 26. 14. *c* Deut. 26, 17, 18, 19. *d* Jer. 12, 11. *e* Psalm 116. 16. *g* 1 Cor. 6, 19. *h* 2 Chron. 30, 8. *i* Jer. 50. 5. *k* Psalm 119. 94. *l* 1 Chron. 29. 16. *m* Eph. 6, 18. *n* Col. 4. 2. *o* Phil. 4. 6. *p* Mat. 7. 7. *q* Heb. 4. 16. *r* Prov. 15. 8. *s* Psalm 50. 23.

please the Lord better than that of an ox or bullock that has horns and hoofs.*a*

Thou art he that hearest prayer, and therefore unto thee shall all flesh come.*b*

Thou sayest, Seek ye my face, and our hearts answer, Thy face, Lord, will we seek.*c* For should not a people seek unto their God? Whither shall we go but to thee? Thou hast the words of eternal life.*d*

9. *We must express the sense we have of our own meanness, and unworthiness to draw near to God, and speak to him.*

But will God in very deed dwell with man upon the earth,*e* that God whom the heaven of heavens cannot contain; with man, that is a worm, and the son of man which is a worm?*g*

Who are we, O Lord God, and what is our Father's house, that thou hast brought us hitherto, to present ourselves before the Lord; that we have through Christ an access by one Spirit unto the Father?*h* And yet as if this had been a small thing in thy sight, thou hast spoken concerning thy servants for a great while to come; and is this the manner of men, O Lord God.*i*

What is man that thou art thus mindful of him, and the son of man that thou visitest him, and dost thus magnify him?*k*

O let not the Lord be angry, if we that are but dust and ashes, take upon us to speak unto the Lord of glory.*l*

We are not worthy of the least of all the mercies, and of all the truth which thou hast showed unto thy servants;*m* nor is it meet to take the children's bread, and cast it to such as we are; yet the dogs eat of the crumbs that fall from their master's table:*n* and thou art rich in mercy to all that call upon thee.*o*

10. *We must humbly profess the desire of our hearts towards God, as our felicity and portion, and the fountain of life and all good to us.*

a Psalm 69. 31. *b* Ps. 65. 2.—27, 8. *c* Isa. 8. 19.
d John 6. 68. *e* 2 Chron. 6. 18. *g* Job 25. 6.
h 2 Sam. 7. 18, 19. *i* Eph. 2. 18. *k* Psalm 8. 4.
l Gen. 8, 27. 30, *m* Gen. 32. 10. *n* Mat. 15. 26, 27.
o Rom. 10. 11.

Whom have we in heaven but thee; and there is none upon earth that we desire besides thee, or in comparison of thee:*a* when our flesh and our heart fail, be thou the strength of our heart, and our portion forever; the portion of our inheritance in the other world, and of our cup in this, and then we will say that the lines are fallen unto us in pleasant places, and that we have a goodly heritage.*b*

The desire of our souls is to thy name, and to the remembrance of thee; with our souls have we desired thee in the night, and with our spirits within us will we seek thee only.*c*

As the hart panteth after the water-brooks, so panteth our soul after thee, O God; our soul thirsteth for God, for the living God, who will command his loving kindness in the day time, and in the night his song shall be with us, and our prayer to the God of our life.*d*

O that we may come hungering and thirsting after righteousness;*e* for thou fillest the hungry with good things, but the rich thou sendest empty away.*g*

O that our souls may thirst for thee, and our flesh long for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is, that we may see thy power and thy glory; as we have seen thee in the sanctuary. Thy loving kindness is better than life, our souls shall be satisfied with it as with marrow and fatness, and then our mouths with joyful lips shall praise thee.*h*

11. *We must likewise profess our believing hope and confidence in God, and his all-sufficiency in his power, providence and promise.*

In thee, O God, do we put our trust, let us never be ashamed;*i* yea, let none that wait on thee be ashamed.*k*

Truly our souls wait upon God; from him cometh our salvation; he only is our rock and our salvation;*l* in him is our glory, our strength, and our refuge, and from him is our expectation.*m*

When refuge fails us, and none care for our souls, we

a Psal. 73. 25, 26. *b* Ps. 16. 5, 6. *c* Isa. 26. 8, 9.
d Psal. 13. 1, 2. 8. *e* Matt. 5. 6. *g* Luke 1. 53.
h Psal. 63. 1, 2. 3, 5. *i* Ps. 31. 1. *k* Ps. 25. 3.
l Psal. 62. 1, 2. *m* Psal. 5. 6, 7.

cry unto thee, O Lord ; thou art our refuge, and our portion in the land of the living.*a*

Some trust in chariots, and some in horses, but we will remember the name of the Lord our God.*b* We will trust in thy mercy, O God, for ever and ever, and will wait on thy name, for it is good before thy saints.*c*

We have hoped in thy word ; O remember thy word unto thy servants upon which thou hast caused us to hope.*d*

12. *We must intreat God's favourable acceptance of us and our poor performances.*

There be many that say, who will show us any good ? but this we say, Lord lift up the light of thy countenance upon us, and that shall put gladness in our hearts, more than they have whose corn and wine encreaseth.*e* We intreat thy favour with our whole hearts,*g* for in this we labour, that whether present or absent we may be accepted of the Lord.*h*

Hear our prayer, O Lord, give ear to our supplications, in thy faithfulness answer us.*i* And be nigh unto us in all that which we call upon thee for ;*k* for thou never saidst to the seed of *Jacob*, Seek ye me in vain.*l*

Thou that hearest the young ravens which cry,*m* be not silent to us, lest if thou be silent to us, we be like them that go down to the pit.*n*

Let our prayer be set forth before thee as incense, and the lifting up of our hands be acceptable in thy sight as the evening sacrifice.*o*

13. *We must beg for the powerful assistance and influence of the blessed Spirit of grace in our prayers.*

Lord, we know not what to pray for as we ought, but let thy Spirit help our infirmities, and make intercession for us.*p*

O pour upon us the spirit of grace and supplication ;*q* the Spirit of adoption, teaching us to cry Abba Father ;*r* that we may find in our hearts to pray this prayer.*s*

a Psal. 113. 4, 5. *b* Ps. 20. 7. *c* Ps. 52. 8, 9.
d Psal. 119. 4, 79. *e* Ps. 4. 6, 7. *g* Ps. 119. 58.
h 2 Cor. 5, 9. *i* Ps. 143. 1. *k* Deut. 4. 7.
l Isa. 45. 9. *m* Psalm 147. 9. *n* Psal. 28. 1.
o Psal. 141. 2. *p* Rom. 8. 26. *q* Zech. 12. 10,
r Rom. 8. 15. *s* Rom. 7. 27.

O send out thy light and thy truth; let them lead us, let them guide us to thy holy hill and thy tabernacles; to God, our exceeding joy.*a*

O Lord, open thou our lips, and our mouth shall show forth thy praise.*b*

14. *We must make the glory of God our highest end in all our prayers.*

This is that, which thou, O Lord, hast said, that thou wilt be sanctified in them that come nigh unto thee, and before all the people thou wilt be glorified:*c* we therefore worship before thee, O Lord, that we may glorify thy name;*d* and therefore we call upon thee that thou mayest deliver us, and we may glorify thee.*e*

For of thee, and through thee, and to thee are all things.*g*

15. *We must profess our entire reliance on the Lord Jesus Christ alone for acceptance with God, and come in his name.*

We do not present our supplication before thee for our righteousness;*h* for we are before thee in our trespasses,*i* and cannot stand before thee because of them:*k* but we make mention of Christ's righteousness, even of his only, who is the Lord our righteousness.*l*

We know that even spiritual sacrifices are acceptable to God, only through Christ Jesus;*m* nor can we hope to receive any thing but what we ask of thee in his name,*n* and therefore make us accepted in the beloved,*o* that other angel who put much incense to the prayers of saints, and offers them up upon the golden altar before the throne.*p*

We come in the name of the great High Priest, who is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, who was touched with the feeling of our infirmities, and is therefore able to save to the uttermost all those that come to God by him,*q* because he ever lives, making intercession.*r*

a Psal. 43. 3. *b* Psal. 51. 15. *c* Lev. 10. 13.
d Psalm 86. 9. *e* Psal. 50. 15. *g* Rom. 11. 36.
h Dan. 9. 18. *i* Ezra 9. 15. *k* Psal. 71. 36.
l Jer. 23. 6. *m* 1 Pet. 2. 5. *n* John 16. 23.
o Eph. 1. 6. *p* Rev. 8. 5. *q* Heb. 4. 14.
r Heb. 6. 25.

Behold O God, our shield, and look upon the face of thine anointed;*a* in whom thou hast by a voice from heaven declared thyself to be well pleased; Lord be well pleased with us in him.*b*

CHAP. II.

Of the second part of PRAYER, *which is Confession of Sin, Complaint of ourselves, and humble Professions of Repentance.*

HAVING given glory to God, which is his due, we must next take shame to ourselves, which is our due, and humble ourselves before him in the sense of our own sinfulness and vileness; and herein also we must give glory to him as our Judge; by whom we deserve to be condemned, and yet hope, through Christ, to be acquitted and absolved.*c*

In this part of our work,

1. *We must acknowledge the great reason we have to lie very low before God, and to be ashamed of ourselves when we come into his presence, and to be afraid of his wrath, having made ourselves both odious to his holiness, and obnoxious to his justice.*

O our God! we are ashamed, and blush to lift up our faces before thee, our God; for our iniquities are increased over our head, and our trespass is grown up into the heavens.*d*

To us belong shame and confusion of face, because we have sinned against thee.*e*

Behold we are vile, what shall we answer thee?*g* We will lay our hand upon our mouth, and put our mouth in the dust, if so be there may be hope,*h* crying with the convicted leper under the law, Unclean, unclean.*i*

Thou puttest no trust in thy saints and the heavens

a Psal. 84. 9. *b* Mat. 3. 17. *c* Josh. 7. 19.
d Ezra 9. 6. *e* Dan. 9. 8. *g* Job 11. 4.
h Lam. 3. 29. *i* Lev. 13. 45.

are not clean in thy sight: how much more abominable and filthy is man, who drinketh iniquity like waters![a]

When our eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts, we have reason to cry out, Wo unto us, for we are undone.[b]

Dominion and fear are with thee, thou makest peace in thy high places: there is not any number of thine armies, and upon whom doth not thy light arise? How then can man be justified with God, or how can he be clean that is born of a woman?[c]

Thou, even thou art to be feared, and who may stand in thy sight when once thou art angry?[d] Even thou, our God, art a consuming fire,[e] and who knows the power of thine anger?[g]

If we justify ourselves, our own mouths shall condemn us; if we say we are perfect, that also shall prove us perverse; for if thou contend with us, we are not able to answer thee for one of a thousand.[h]

If we know nothing by ourselves, yet were we not thereby justified, for he that judgeth us is the Lord,[i] who is greater than our hearts, and knows all things.[k] But we ourselves know that we have sinned, Father: against heaven, and before thee, and are no more worthy to be called thy children.[l]

2. *We must take hold of the great encouragement God hath given us to humble ourselves before him with sorrow and shame, and to confess our sins.*

If thou, Lord, shouldst mark iniquities, O Lord, who should stand! But there is forgiveness with thee, that thou mayest be feared; with thee there is mercy, yea, with our God there is plenteous redemption, and he shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.[m]

Thy sacrifices, O God, are a broken spirit; a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise;[n] nay, though thou art the high and lofty One that inhabitest eternity, whose name is holy;[o] though the heaven be thy throne, and the earth thy footstool,[p] yet to this man wilt

a Job 15. 15, 16. *b* Isa. 6. 5. *c* Job. 25. 2, 3, 4.
d Psal. 76. 7. *e* Heb. 12. 29. *g* Psal. 90. 11.
h Job. 9. 3, 20. *i* 1 Cor. 4. 4. *k* 1 John 3. 20.
l Luke 15. 21. *m* Ps. 130. 3 4 7 8. *n* Ps. 51. 17.
o Isa. 57. 15. *p* Isa. 66. 1, 2.

thou look that is poor and humble, of a broken and a contrite spirit, and that trembleth at thy word, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.

Thou hast graciously assured us, though they that cover their sins shall not prosper, yet those that confess and forsake them, shall find mercy.*a* And when a poor penitent said, I will confess my transgression unto the Lord, thou forgavest the iniquity of his sin ; and for this shall every one that is godly in like manner, pray unto thee in a time when thou mayest be found.*b*

We know that if we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us ; but thou hast said that if we confess our sins, thou art faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*c*

3. *We must therefore confess and bewail our original corruption in the first place, that we were the children of apostate and rebellious parents, and the nature of man is depraved and wretchedly degenerated from its primitive purity and rectitude, and our nature is so.*

Lord, thou madest man upright, but they have sought out many inventions ;*d* and being in honor did not understand, and therefore abode not, but became like the beasts that perish.*e*

By one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin, and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned : by that one man's disobedience many were made sinners, and we among the rest.*g*

We are a seed of evil doers,*h* our father was an *Amorite*, and our mother a *Hittite*,*i* and we ourselves were called (and not miscalled) transgressors from the womb, and thou knowest we would deal very treacherously.*k*

The nature of man was planted a choice and noble vine, wholly a right seed, but it is become the degenerate plant of a strange vine ;*l* producing the grapes of *Sodom*, and the clusters of *Gomorrah*.*m* How is the gold become dim, and the most fine gold changed !*n*

a Prov. 28. 14. *b* Psalm 32. 5, 6. *c* 1 John 1. 8.9.
d Eccl. 7, 19. *e* Psal. 19. 12. 20. *g* Rom. 5. 12, 19.
h Isa. 1. 4. *i* Ezek. 16 3. *k* Isa. 48. 8.
l Jer. 2. 21. *m* Deut. 32. 32, *n* Lam. 4. 1.

Behold we were shapen in iniquity, and in sin did our mothers conceive us.*a* For who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean? Not one.*b* We are by nature children of wrath, because children of disobedience, even as others.*c*

All flesh hath corrupted their way,*d* we were all gone aside, we are altogether become filthy, there is none that doth good, no, not one.*e*

4. *We must lament our present corrupt dispositions to that which is evil, and our indisposedness to, and impotency in, that which is good. We must look into our own hearts and confess, with holy blushing.*

(1.) *The blindness of our understandings, and their unaptness to admit the rays of the divine light.*

By nature our understandings are darkened, being alienated from the life of God, through the ignorance that is in us, because of the blindness of our hearts.*g*

The things of the Spirit of God are foolishness to the natural man, neither can we know them, because they are spiritually discerned.*h*

We are wise to do evil, but to do good we have no knowledge.*i* We know not, neither do we understand, we walk on in darkness.*k*

God speaketh once, yea twice, but we perceive it not;*l* but hearing, we hear, and do not understand,*m* and we see men as trees walking.*n*

(2.) *The stubbornness of our wills, and their unaptness to submit to the rules of the divine law.*

We have within us a carnal mind, which is enmity against God, and is not in subjection to the law of God, neither indeed can be.*o*

Thou hast written to us the great things of thy law, but they have been accounted by us as a strange thing, and our corrupt hearts have been sometimes ready to say,*p* What is the Almighty, that we should serve him?*q* And that we should certainly do whatsoever thing goes

a Psal. 50. 5. *b* Job 14. 4. *c* Eph. 2. 2, 3.
d Gen. 2. 12. *e* Psal. 14. 3. *g* Eph. 4. 18.
h 1 Cor. 2. 14. *i* Jer. 4. 22. *k* Psal. 82. 5.
l Job 33. 14. *m* Matt. 13. 14. *n* Mark 8. 24.
o Rom. 8. 7. *p* Hos. 8. 12. *q* Job. 21. 15.

forth out of our own mouth.*a* For we have walked in the way of our own heart, and in the sight of our eyes, fulfilling the desires of the flesh, and of the mind.*b*

Our neck hath been an iron sinew,*c* and we have made our heart as an adamant;*d* we have refused to hearken, have pulled away the shoulder, and stopped our ears like the deaf adder, that will not hearken to the voice of the charmer, charm he never so wisely.*e*

How have we hated instruction, and our heart despised reproof, and have not obeyed the voice of our teachers, nor inclined our ear to them that instructed us!*g*

(3.) *The vanity of our thoughts, their neglect of those things which they ought to be conversant with, and dwelling upon those things that are unworthy of them, and tend to corrupt our minds.*

Every imagination of the thoughts of our heart is evil, only evil, and that continually, and it has been so from our youth.*h*

O how long have those vain thoughts lodged within us!*i* those thoughts of foolishness, which are sin;*k* from out of the heart proceed evil thoughts;*l* which devise mischief upon the bed,*m* and carry the heart with the fool's eyes into the ends of the earth.*n*

But God is not in all our thoughts, 'tis well if he be in any:*o* of the Rock that begat us, we have been unmindful,*p* and have forgotten the God that formed us:*q* we have forgotten him days without number, and our hearts have walked after vanity, and become vain. Their inward thought having been, that our houses should continue for ever; this our way is our folly.*r*

(4.) *The carnality of our affections, their being placed upon wrong objects, and carried beyond due bounds.*

We have set these affections on things beneath, which should have been set on things above,*s* where our treasure is, and where Christ sits on the right hand of God, the things which we should seek.*t*

a Jer. 44. 17 *b* Eccl. 11. 19. *c* Isa. 48. 4.
d Zech. 7. 11. 12. *e* Psalm 58. 4, 5. *g* Prov. 5. 12. 13.
h Gen. 6. 5, 8, 21. *i* Jer. 4. 14. *k* Prov. 24. 9.
l Matt. 15. 19. *m* Mic. 2. 1. *n* Prov. 17. 24.
o Psalm 10. 4. *p* Deut. 32. 18. *q* Jer. 2. 32.
r Psalm 49. 11, 13. *s* Col. 3. 1. *t* Matt. 6. 21.

We have followed after lying vanities, and forsaken our own mercies;*a* have forsaken the fountain of living waters, for cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water.*b*

We have panted after the dust of the earth, and have been full of care what we shall eat, and what we shall drink, and wherewithal we shall be clothed, the things after which the Gentiles seek, and the righteousness thereof.*c*

We have lifted up our souls unto vanity,*d* and set our eyes upon that which is not, having looked at the things that are seen, which are temporal;*e* but the things that are not seen, that are eternal, have been forgotten and postponed.*g*

(5.) *The corruption of the whole man; irregular appetites towards those things which are pleasing to sense, and inordinate passions against those things that are displeasing, and an alienation of the mind, from the principles, powers, and pleasures of the spiritual and divine life.*

We are born of the flesh, and we are flesh:*h* dust we are:*i* we have borne the image of the earthly; and in us, that is, in our flesh, there dwells no good thing:*k* for if to will is present to us, yet how to perform that which is good we find not; for the good that we would do, we do it not; and the evil which we would not do, that we do.*l*

We have a law in our members warring against the law of our mind, and bringing us into captivity to the law of sin that is in our members:*m* so that when we would do good, evil is present with us.*n*

The whole head is sick, the whole heart faints, from the sole of the foot, even unto the head, there is no soundness in us, but wounds and bruises and putrifying sores.*o*

There is in us a bent to backslide from the living God:*p* our hearts are deceitful above all things, and

a Jonah 2. 8. *b* Jer. 2. 13. *c* Matt. 6. 32, 33.
d Psalm 25. 4. *e* Prov. 25. 5. *g* 2 Cor. 4. 18.
h John 3. 6. *i* Gen. 3. 19. *k* 1 Cor. 15. 49.
l Rom. 7. 18, 19. *m* Rom. 7. 21. 23. *n* Heb. 12. 1.
o Isa. 1. 6. *p* Hos. 11. 6.

desperately wicked : who can know them ?a They start aside like a broken bow.b

(5.) *We must lament and confess our omissions of our duty, our neglect of it, and triflings in it ; and that we have done so little since we came into the world, of the great work we were sent into the world about ; so very little to answer the end of our creation, or of our redemption, of our birth and of our baptism ; and that we have profited no more by the means of grace.*

We have been as fig-trees planted in the vineyard, and thou hast come many years seeking fruit from us, but hast found none ;c and therefore we might justly be cut down, and cast into the fire for cumbering the ground ;d thou hast come looking for grapes, but behold wild grapes ; for we have been empty vines, bringing forth fruit unto ourselves.e

We have known to do good but have not done it ;g we have hid our Lord's money, and therefore deserve the doom of the wicked and slothful servant.h

We have been unfaithful stewards,i that have wasted our Lord's goods : for one sinner destroys much good.l

Many a price hath been put into our hands to get wisdom, which we have had no heart to,or our heart has been at our left hand,m

Our childhood and youth were vanity,n and we have brought our years to an end, as a tale that is told.o

We have not known or improved the day of our visitation,p have not provided meat in summer, nor gathered food in harvest, though we have had guides, overseers, and rulers.q

We are slow of heart to understand and believe ;r and whereas for the time we might have been teachers of others, we are yet to learn the first principles of the oracles of God ; have need of milk, and cannot bear strong meat.s

We have cast off fear, and restrained prayer, before

a Jer. 17. 9. b Hos. 7. 16. c Luke 13. 6, 7.
d Matt. 3. 10. e Isa. 5. 4. g James 4. 17.
h Matt. 25. 18, 26. i Luke 16. 1. k Eccl. 9. 18.
l Prov. 17. 16. m Eccl. 10. 2. n Eccl. 11. 10.
o Psalm 90. 9. p Luke 19. 44. q Prov. 6. 7, 8.
r Luke 24. 25. s Heb. 5. 12.

God ;*a* have not called upon thy name, nor stirred up ourselves to take hold on thee.*b*

We have come before thee as thy people come, and have sat before thee as thy people sit, and have heard thy words, when our hearts at the same time have been going after our covetousness.*c* And thus have we brought the torn, and the lame, and the sick for sacrifice, have offered that to our God, which we would not have offered to our governor ; and have vowed and sacrificed to the Lord a corrupt thing, when we had in our flock a male.*d*

6. *We must likewise bewail our many actual transgressions, in thought, word, and deed.*

We have sinned, Father, against heaven and before thee ;*e* we have all sinned, and come short of the glory of God ;*g* for the God in whose hand our breath is, and whose are all our ways, have we not glorified.*h*

Against thee, thee only, have we sinned, and have done much evil in thy sight :*i* neither have we obeyed the voice of the Lord our God, to walk in his laws which he hath set before us ;*k* though they are holy, just, and good.*l*

Who can understand his errors ? Cleanse thou us from secret faults.*m*

In many things we all offend ;*n* and our iniquities are more than the hairs of our head.*o*

As a fountain casteth out her waters, so do our hearts cast out wickedness ;*p* and this hath been our manner from our youth up, that we have not obeyed thy voice,*q*

Out of the evil treasure of our hearts we have brought forth many evil things.*r*

(1.) *We must confess and bewail the workings of pride in us.*

We have all reason to be humbled for the pride of our hearts,*s* that we have thought of ourselves above

a Job 15. 4. *b* Isa. 64. 7. *c* Ez. 33. 31.
d Mal. 1. 8, 24. *e* Luke 15.18. *g* Rom. 3. 23.
h Dan. 5. 23. *i* Psalm 51. 4. *k* Dan. 9. 10.
l Rom. 7. 12. *m* Psalm 19. 12. *n* James 3. 2.
o Psalm 40. 12. *p* Jer. 6. 7. *q* Jer. 1. 21.
r Matt. 12. 35. *s* Chr. 32. 26.

what hath been meet,*a* and have not thought soberly, nor walked humbly with our God.*b*

We have leaned on our own uderstanding,*c* and trusted in our own hearts ;*d* and have sacrificed to our own net.*e*

We have sought our own glory more than the glory of him that sent us,*g* and have been puffed up for that which we should have mourned.*h*

(2.) *The breaking out of passion and rash anger.*

We have not had the rule which we ought to have had over our own spirits, which have therefore been as a city that is broken down, and has no walls.*i*

We have been soon angry, and anger hath rested in our bosoms.*k* And when our spirits have been provoked,*l* we have spoken unadvisedly with our lips :*m* and have been guilty of that clamour and bitterness which should have been put far from us.*n*

(3.) *Our covetousness and love of the world.*

Our conversation has not been without covetousness,*o* nor have we learned in every state to be content with such things as we have ?*p*

Who can say that he is clean from that love of money which is the root of all evil,*q* that covetousness which is idolatry ?*r*

We have sought great things to ourselves, when thou hast said, Seek them not.*s*

(4.) *Our sensuality and flesh pleasing.*

We have minded the things of the flesh more than the things of the spirit,*t* and have lived in pleasure in the earth, and have been wanton, and have nourished our hearts as in a day of slaughter.*v*

We have made provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts of it :*w* even those lusts which war against our souls ;*x* and in many instances have acted, as if we had been lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God.*y*

a Rom. 12. 3, *b* Mic. 6. 8. *c* Prov. 3. 5.
d Pov. 28. 26. *e* Hab. 1. 16. *g* John 7. 18.
h 1 Cor, 5. 2, *i* Prov. 25 28. *k* Prov 14 17.
l Eccl. 7. 9. *m* Psalm 106 33. *n* Eph. 4. 31.
o Heb. 13 5. *p* Phil 4 11. *q* 1 Tim 1. 10.
r Col. 3 5. *s* Jer 45 5. *t* Rom 8 5.
v James 5. 5. *w* Rom 13 14. *x* 1 Pet 2 11.
y 2 Tim 3. 4.

When we did eat, and when we did drink, did we not eat to ourselves, and drink to ourselves ?*a*

(5.) *Our security and unmindfulness of the changes we are liable to in this world,*

We have put far from us the evil day,*b* and in our prosperity have said, we should never be moved,*c* as if to-morrow must needs be as this day, and much more abundant.*d*

We have encouraged our souls to take their ease, to eat and drink and be merry, as if we had goods laid up for many years, when perhaps this night our souls may be required of us.*e*

We have been ready to trust in uncertain riches, more than in the living God ;*g* to say to the gold, Thou art our hope, and to the fine gold, thou art our confidence.*h*

(6.) *Our fretfulness and impatience, and murmuring under our afflictions, our inordinate dejection and distrust of God and his providence.*

When thou chastisedst us, and we were chastised, we have been as a bullock unaccustomed to the yoke ; and though our own foolishness hath perverted our way, yet our heart hath fretted against the Lord ;*i* and thus in our distress we have trespassed yet more against the Lord.*k*

We have either despised the chastening of the Lord, or fainted when we have been rebuked of him ;*l* and if we faint in the day of adversity, our strength is small.*m*

We have said in our haste, We are cast off from before thine eyes ;*n* and that the Lord hath forsaken us, our God hath forgotten us, as if God would be favourable no more ;*o* as if he had forgotten to be gracious, and had in anger shut up his tender mercies. This has been our infirmity.*p*

(7.) *Our uncharitableness towards our brethren, and unpeaceableness with our relations, neighbours, and friends, and perhaps injustice towards them.*

We have been very guilty concerning our brother :*q*

a Zech. 7. 6. *b* Am. 6. 3. *c* Psalm 30. 6.
d Isa. 56. 12. *e* Luke 12. 19, 20. *g* 1 Tim. 6. 17.
h Job. 31. 24. *i* Prov. 19. 2. *k* 2 Chron. 29. 23.
l Prov. 3. 11. *m* Prov. 24. 10. *n* Psalm 31. 22.
o Isa. 49. 14. *p* Psal. 77. 7, 8, 10. *q* Gen. 42. 21.

for we have not studied the things that make for peace, nor things wherewith we might edify one another.*a*

We have been ready to judge our brother, and to set at nought our brother, forgetting that we must all shortly stand before the judgment seat of Christ?*b*

Contrary to the royal law of charity we have vaunted ourselves and been puffed up, have behaved ourselves unseemly and sought our own, have been easily provoked,*c* have rejoiced in iniquity, and been secretly glad at calamities.*d*

We have been desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another:*e* when we should have considered one another, to provoke to love, and to good works.*g*

The bowels of our compassion have been shut up from those that are in need;*h* and we have hidden ourselves from our own flesh.*i* Nay, perhaps our eye has been evil against our poor brother,*k* and we have despised the poor.*l*

And if in any thing we have gone beyond and defrauded our brother,*m* if we have walked with vanity, and our foot hath hasted to deceit, and any blot hath cleaved to our hands,*n* Lord discover it to us, that if we have done iniquity, we may do so no more.*o*

(8.) *Our tongue sins.*

In the multitude of our words there wanteth not sin,*p* nor can a man full of talk be justified.*q*

While the lips of the righteous feed many, our lips have poured out foolishness, and spoken frowardness.*r* Much corrupt communication hath proceeded out of our mouths; that foolish talking and jesting which is not convenient, and little of that which is good, and to the use of edifying, and which might minister grace unto the hearers.*s*

If for every idle word that men speak they must give an account, and if by our words we must be justified,

a Rom. 14. 19. *b* Rom. 14. 10. *c* 1 Cor. 13. 4,5.
d Pov. 17. 5. *e* Gal. 5. 26. *g* Heb. 10. 24.
h 1 John 3. 17. *i* Isa. 58. 7. *k* Deut. 15. 9.
l James 2. 7. *m* 1 Thess. 4. 6. *n* Job 31. 5, 7.
o Job 34. 32 *p* Prov. 10. 19. *q* Job 11. 2.
r Prov. 10. 21, 32. 4. 2. *s* Eph. 4. 26. 5. 4.

and if by our words we must be condemned;*a* wo unto us, for we are undone :*b* for we are of unclean lips, and dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips.

What would become of us, if God should make our own tongues to fall upon us?*c*

(6.) *Our spiritual slothfulness and decay.*

We have been slothful in the business of religion, and not fervent in spirit, serving the Lord.*d*

The things which remain are ready to die, and our works have not been found perfect before God ?*e*

We have observed the winds, and therefore have not sown, have regarded the clouds, and therefore have not reaped,*g* and with the sluggard have frighted ourselves with the fancy of a lion in the way, a lion in the streets, and have turned on our bed as the door on the hinges ;*h* still crying, Yet a little sleep, and a little slumber.*i*

We have lost our first love ,*k* and where is now the blessedness we sometimes spake of ?*l*

Our goodness hath been as the morning cloud, and the early dew which soon passeth away.*m*

And that which is at the bottom of all, is the evil heart of unbelief in us, which inclines us to depart from the living God.*n*

7. *We must acknowledge the great evil that there is in sin, and in our sin ; the malignity of its nature, and its mischievousness to us.*

(1.) *The sinfulness of sin.*

O that sin may appear sin to us, may appear in its own colours, and that by the commandment we may see it to be exceeding sinful,*o* because it is the transgression of the law.*p*

By every wilful sin we have in effect said, We will not have this man to reign over us.*q* And who is the Lord, that we should obey his voice ?*r* And thus have we reproached the Lord,*s* and cast his laws behind our back.*t*

a Matt. 12. 36, 37. *b* Isa. 6. 5. *c* Psalm 64. 8.
d Rom. 12. 11. *e* Rev. 32. *g* Eccl. 11. 4.
h Prov. 29. 13, 14. *i* Prov. 6. 10. *k* Rev. 2. 4.
l Gal. 4. 15. *m* Hosea, 6. 4. *n* Hebrews 3. 12
o Romans. 7. 13 *p* 1 John 3. 4. *q* Luke 19. 14.
r Exodus 5. 2, *s* Numbers 15, 30. *t* Nehemiah 19, 26.

(2) *The foolishness of sin.*

O God, thou knowest our foolishness, and our sins are not hid from thee;a we were foolish in being disobedient:b and our lusts are foolish and hurtful.c

Foolishness was bound up in our hearts when we were children;d for though vain man would be wise, he is born like the wild ass's colt.e

Our way hath been our folly,g and in many instances we have done foolishly.h

So foolish have we been and ignorant, and even as beasts before God.i

(3) *The unprofitableness of sin.*

We have sinned and perverted that which was right, and it profited us not.k

What fruit have we now in these things whereof we have cause to be ashamed, seeing the end of those things is death?l And what are we profited, if we should gain the whole world and lose our own souls?m

(4.) *The deceitfulness of sin.*

Sin hath deceived us, and by it slain us;n for our hearts have been hardened through the deceitfulness of sin:o and we have been drawn away of our own lust, and enticed.p

It has promised us liberty, but has made us the servants of corruption; hath promised us that we shall not surely die, and that we shall be as gods;q but it has flattered us, and spread a net for our feet.r

The pride of our heart particularly has deceived us.s

(5) *The offence which by sin we have given to the holy God.*

By breaking the law we have dishonored God,t and have provoked the Holy One of Israel to anger most bitterly.v And many a thing that we have done hath displeased the Lord.w

God has been broken by our whorish heart, and our eyes that have gone a whoring after our idols.x

a Psalm. 69. 51. b Tit. 3. 3. c 1. Tim. 6. 9.
d Proverbs 22. 15. e Job 11. 12. g Psalm. 49. 13.
h 2 Sam. 24. 10. i Psalm. 73. 22. k Job 33. 27.
l Rom. 6. 21. m Matt. 16. 26. n Rom. 7. 11.
o Heb. 3. 13. p James 1. 41. q 2 Pet. 2. 19.
r Prov. 29. 5 s Obad. 3. t Rom. 2. 23.
v Isa. 1. 4. Hos. 12. 14. w 2 Sam. 11. 27. x Ezek. 6. 9.

We have tempted him, and proved him, and grieved him in the wilderness,*a* have rebelled and vexed his holy Spirit,*b* and pressed him with our iniquities, as a cart is pressed that is full of sheaves.*c*

We have grieved the holy Spirit of God, by whom we are sealed to the day of redemption.*d*

(6.) *The damage which by sin we have done to our own souls, and the great interests.*

By our iniquities we have sold ourselves,*e* and in sinning against thee we have wronged our own souls.*g*

Our sins have separated between us and God,*h* and have kept good things from us; and by them our minds and consciences have been defiled.*i*

Our own wickedness hath corrected us, and backslidings have reproved us, and we cannot but know and see, that it is an evil thing, and bitter that we have forsaken the Lord our God, and that his fear hath not been in us.*k*

O what fools are they that make a mock at sin!

8. *We must aggravate our sins, and take notice of those things which make more heinous in the sight of God, and more dangerous to ourselves.*

We bewail before thee all our sins, and all our transgressions in all our sins.*m*

(1.) *The more knowledge we have of good and evil, the greater is our sin.*

We have known our master's will, but have not done it, and therefore deserve to be beaten with many stripes.*n*

We have known the way of the Lord, and the judgments of our God, and yet have altogether broken the yoke, and burst the bonds.*o*

We have known the judgment of God, that they which do such things are worthy of death, and yet have done them, and have had pleasure in them that do them,*p*

We have taught others; and yet have not taught our-

a Psalm 95. 9. 10. *b* Isa. 63. 10. *c* Am. 2. 13.
d Eph. 4. 30. *e* Isa. 50. 1. *g* Prov. 8. 36.
h Isa. 59. 2. *i* Tit. 1. 15. *k* Jer. 2. 19.
l Prov. 14. 9. *m* Lev. 16. 21. *n* Luke 12. 47.
o Jer. 5. 4, 5. *p* Rom. 1. 32.

selves ;*a* and while we profess to know God, we have in works denied him.*b*

(2.) *The greater profession we have made of religion, the greater hath been our sin.*

We call ourselves of the holy city,*c* and stay ourselves upon the God of Israel, and make mention of his name, but not in truth and in righteousness.*d* For we have dishonored that worthy name by which we are called, and given great occasion to the enemies of the Lord to blaspheme.*e*

We have named the name of Christ, and yet have not departed from iniquity.*g*

(3.) *The more mercies we have received from God, the greater has been our sin.*

Thou hast nourished and brought us up as children, but we have rebelled against thee.*h*

We have ill requited thee, O Lord, as foolish people and unwise : thou art our Father that made us, and bought us, and established us, yet our spot has not been the spot of thy children.*i*

We have not rendered again, according to the benefit done unto us.*k*

(4.) *The fairer warning we have had from the word of God, and from our own consciences concerning our danger of sin, and danger by sin, the greater is the sin, if we go on in it.*

We have been often reproved,*l* and yet have hardened our neck,*m* and have gone on frowardly in the way of our heart.

Thou hast sent to us, saying, O do not this abominable thing which I hate ; but we have not hearkened, nor inclined our ear.*n*

The word of God hath been to us precept upon precept, and line upon line ;*o* and though we have beheld our natural faces in the glass, yet we have gone away, and straightway forgot what manner of men we were.*p*

a Rom. 2 21. *b* Tit. 1. 16. *c* Isa. 48. 1, 2.
d James 2. 7. *e* 2 Sam. 12. 13. *g* Tim. 2. 19.
h Isa. 1. 2. *i* Deut. 32. 5, 9. *k* 2 Chron. 32 25.
l Prov. 29. 1. *m* Isa 57. 17. *n* Jer. 44. 4, 5.
o Isa, 28. 13. *p* James 1. 23, 24.

(5.) *The greater afflictions we have been under, or sin, the greater is the sin, if we go on in it.*

Thou hast stricken us, but we have not grieved; we have refused to receive correction, and have made our faces harder than a rock;*a* and the rod hath not driven the foolishness out of our hearts.*b*

Thou hast chastened us with the rod of men, and with the stripes of the children of men, yet we have not turned to him that smiteth us,*c* nor have we sought the Lord of hosts.*d*

When some have been overthrown as *Sodom* and *Gomorrah* were, we have been as brands plucked out of the fire, yet have we not returned unto thee, O Lord.*e* And when thy hand has been lifted up, we have not seen it.*g*

(6.) *The more vows and promises we have made of better obedience, the greater has our sin been.*

We have not performed the words of the covenant which we made before thee,*h* but as treacherous dealers, we have dealt treacherously.*i*

Did we not say, we would not transgress, we would not offend any more?*k* We did,*l* and yet we have returned with the dog to his vomit,*m* we have returned to folly after God hath spoken peace.*n*

9. *We must judge and condemn ourselves for our sins, and own ourselves liable to punishment.*

And now, O our God, what shall we say after this, for we have forsaken thy commandments?*o* We have sinned, what shall we do unto thee, O thou preserver of man?*p*

We know that the law curseth every one that continues not in all things that are written in the book of the law to do them;*p* that the wages of every sin is death;*r* and that for these things' sake the wrath of God cometh upon the children of disobedience.*s*

And we are all guilty before God;*t* the scripture hath concluded us all under sin;*v* and therefore thou mightest

a Jer. 5. 3. *b* Prov. 22. 15. *c* 2 Sam. 7. 14.
d Isa. 9. 13. *e* Amos 4. 11. *g* Isa. 26. 11.
h Jer. 34. 18. *i* Isa. 24. 16. *k* Jer. 2. 20.
l Job. 34. 1. *m* 2 Pet. 2. 22. *n* Psal. 85. 8.
o Ezra 9. 10. *p* Job 7. 20. *q* Gallatians 3. 10.
r Rom. 6. 23. *s* Eph. 5. 6. *t* Rom. 3. 19.
v Gallatians 3. 22.

justly be angry with us, till thou hadst consumed us, so that there should be no remnant nor escaping.*a*

If thou shouldest lay righteousness to the line, and judgment to the plummet,*b* thou mightest justly separate us unto all evil, according to all the curses of the covenant, and blot out our names from under heaven.*c*

Thou mightest justly swear in thy wrath that we should never enter into thy rest;*d* mightest justly set us naked and bare, and take away our corn in the season, thereof,*e* and put into our hands the cup of trembling, and make us drink even the dregs of that cup.*g*

Thou art just in whatever thou art pleased to lay upon us; for thou hast done right, but we have done wickedly.*h* Nay, that our God has punished us less than our iniquities have deserved.*i*

Thou therefore shalt be justified when thou speakest, and clear when thou judgest;*k* and we will accept of the punishment of our iniquity,*l* and humble ourselves under thy mighty hand,*m* and say that the Lord is righteous.*n*

Wherefore should a living man complain, a man for the punishment of his sins?*o* No; we will bear the indignation of the Lord, because we have sinned against him.*p*

(10.) *We must give to God the Glory of his patience and long-suffering towards us, and his willingness to be reconciled.*

O the riches of the patience and forbearance of God!*q* how long-suffering is he to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.*r*

Thou hast not dealt with us according to our sin, nor rewarded us after our iniquities,*s* but thou waitest to be gracious to us.*t*

Sentence against our evil works has not been executed speedily, *v* but thou hast given us space to repent, and make our peace with thee;*w* and callest even backsliding children to return to thee, and hast promised to heal

a Ezra 9. 14. *b* Isa. 28. 17. *c* Deut. 2. 9, 21.
d Psalm 95. 11. *e* Hos. 2. 3. 9. *g* Psalm 51. 12.
h Ezra 9. 13. *i* Neh. 9. 33. *k* Psalm 51. 4.
l Lev. 26. 43. *m* 1 Pet. 5. 6. *n* 2 Chron. 12. 6.
o Lam. 3. 39. *p* Micah 7. 9. *q* Rom. 2. 4.
r 2 Pet. 3. 9. *s* Ps. 103. 10. *t* Isa. 30. 18.
v Eccl. 8. 11. *w* Rev. 2. 21.

their backslidings; and therefore behold we come unto thee, for thou art the Lord our God *a*

Surely the long-suffering of our Lord is salvation;*b* and if the Lord had been pleased to kill us, he would not at this time have showed us such things as these.*c*

And O that this goodness of God might lead us to repentance!*d* for though we have tresspassed against our God, yet now there is hope in Israel concerning this thing.*e*

Thou hast said it, and hast confirmed it with an oath, that thou hast no pleasure in the death of sinners, but rather that we should turn and live:*g* therefore will we rend our hearts, and not our garments, and turn to the Lord our God; for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness. Who knows if he will return and repent, and leave a blessing behind him?*h*

(11.) *We must humbly profess our sorrow and shame for sin, and humbly engage ourselves in the strength of divine grace, that we will be better, and do better for the future.*

Lord, we repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand;*i* to which thou hast exalted thy Son Christ Jesus, to give repentance and remission of sins.*k*

We have heard of thee by the hearing of the ear, but now our eyes see thee;*l* wherefore we abhor ourselves, and repent in dust and ashes; therefore will we be like the doves of the valleys, every one mourning for his iniquities.*m*

O that our heads were waters, and our eyes fountains of tears, that we might weep day and night for our transgressions,*n* and might in such a manner sow in those tears as that at last we may reap in joy; may now go forth weeping, bearing precious seed, and may in due time come again with rejoicing, bringing in our sheaves with us.*o*

Our iniquities are gone over our heads as a heavy burden, they are too heavy for us;*p* but weary and

a Jer. 22. 23. *b* 2 Pet. 3. 15. *c* Judg. 13. 23.
d Rom. 2. 4. *e* Ezra 10 2. *g* Ezek. 33. 11.
h Joel 2. 13, 14. *i* Matt. 3. 2 *k* Acts 5. 31.
l Job 42. 5, 6. *m* Ezek. 7. 16. *n* Jer 9. 1.
o Psalm 126. 5, 6. *p* Psalm 38. 4.

heavy laden under this burden we come to Christ, who has promised that in him we shall find rest to our souls.*a*

O that knowing every man the plague of his own heart,*b* we may look unto him whom we have pierced,and may mourn, and be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for a first born.*c* That we may sorrow after a godly sort, with that sorrow which worketh repentance unto salvation, not to be repented of ;*d* and that we may remember, and be confounded, and never open our mouth any more, because of our shame, when thou art pacified towards us,

And, O that we may bring forth fruits meet for repentance !*g* and may never return again to folly ;*h* for what have we to do any more with idols ?*i* sin shall not have dominion over us, for we are not under the law, but under grace.*k*

We have gone astray like lost sheep ; seek thy servants, for we do not forget thy commandments.*l*

CHAP. III.

Of the third part of PRAYER, *which is petition and supplication for the good things which we stand in need of.*

HAVING opened the wounds of sin, both the guilt of it, and the power of it, and its remainders in us, we must next seek unto God for the remedy, for healing and help, for from him alone it is to be expected, and he will for this be inquired of by us.*m* And now we must affect our hearts with a deep sense of the need we have of those mercies which we pray for, that we are undone, for ever undone without them ; and with a high esteem and value for them, that we are happy, we are made for ever, if we obtain them ; that we may like Jacob, wrestle

a Mat. 28. *b* 1 Kings 8. 38 *c* Zech. 12. 10.
d 2 Cor. 7, 10. *e* Ezek. 16. 63. *g* Matt. 3. 8.
h Psal. 35. 8. *i* Hos. 14. 8. *k* Rom. 6, 14,
l Ps. 119. ult. *m* Ezek. 36. 37.

with him in prayer, as for our lives and the lives of our souls. But we must not think in our prayers to prescribe to him, or by our importunity to move him. He knows us better than we know ourselves, and knows what he will do.*a* But thus we open our wants and our desires, and then refer ourselves to his wisdom and goodness; and hereby we give honor to him as our protector and benefactor, and take the way which he himself hath appointed, of fetching in mercy from him, and by faith plead his promise with him, and if we are sincere herein, we are, through his grace, qualified according to the tenor of the new covenant, to receive his favours, and are to be assured that we do, and shall receive them.*b*

And now, Lord, what wait we for?*c* Truly our hope is even in thee; deliver us from all our transgressions, that we may no more be the reproach of the foolish.

Lord, all our desire is before thee, and our groaning is not hid from thee;*d* even the groanings which cannot be uttered: for he that searcheth the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit.*e*

We do not think that we shall be heard for our much speaking; for our Father knows what things we have need of*g* before we ask him; but our master hath told us, that whatsoever we ask the Father in his name, he will give it us.*h* And he hath said, Ask and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.*i*

And this is the confidence that we have in him, that if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: and if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions we desired of him.

1. *We must earnestly pray for the pardon and forgiveness of all our sins.*

Lord, we come to thee, as the poor publican that stood afar off, and would not so much as lift up his eyes to heaven, but smote on his breast: and we pray his prayer, God, be merciful to us sinners.*k* The God of infinite mercy, be merciful to us.

O wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin, for we acknowledge our transgressions,

a John 6. 6. *b* Mark 11. 24. *c* Ps. 39, 7, 8.
d Psalm 38. 9. *e* Rom. 8. 26, 27. *g* Matt. 9. 7, 8.
h John 26, 23, 24. *i* John 5, 14, 15. *k* Luke 18. 13.

and our sin is ever before us.*a* O purge us with hyssop and we shall be clean, wash us and we shall be whiter than snow; hide thy face from our sins, and blot out our iniquities.

Be thou merciful to our unrighteousness, and our sins and our iniquities do thou remember no more.*b* O forgive us that great debt.*c*

Let us be justified freely by thy grace,*d* through the redemption that is in Jesus, from all those things from which we *e* could not be justified by the law of Moses.

O let not our iniquity be our ruin;*g* but let the Lord take away our sin, that we may not die,*h* not die eternally; that we may not be hurt of the second death.*i*

Blot out as a cloud our transgressions, and as a thick cloud our sins; for we return unto thee, because thou hast redeemed us.*k*

Enter not into judgment with thy servants, O Lord, for in thy sight shall no flesh living be justified.*l*

Take away all iniquity, and receive us graciously; heal our backslidings, and love us freely, and let thine anger be turned away from us; for in thee the fatherless findeth mercy.*m*

Though our sins have been as scarlet, let them be as white as snow, and though they have been red like crimson, let them be as wool, that being willing and obedient, we may eat the good of the land.*n*

We will say unto God, Do not condemn us,*o* but deliver us from going down to the pit, for thou hast found the ransom.*p*

For the encouraging of our faith, and the exciting of our fervency in this petition for the pardon of sin we may plead with God.

(1.) *The infinite goodness of his nature, his readiness to forgive sin, and his glorying in it.*

Thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive;*q* and rich in mercy to all them that call upon thee. Thou art

a Psal. 51. 2, 3, 7. *b* Heb. 8. 12. *c* Matt. 18. 32
d Rom. 3. 24. *e* Acts 13 39. *g* Ezek. 18. 30.
h 1 Sam. 12. 13. *i* Rev. 2. 11. *k* Isa. 44. 22.
l Psal. 143. 2. *m* Hos. 14. 2, 3, 4. *n* Isa. 1. 18.
o Job 10. 2. *p* Job 33. 24. *q* Psal. 86. 5, 15.

a God full of compassion, and gracious, long-suffering, and plenteous in mercy and truth.

Thou art a God of pardon, merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness;*a* that dost not always chide, nor keep thine anger for ever.*b*

Thou, even thou art he that blottest out our transgressions for thine own sake, and wilt not remember our sins, which we are here to put thee in remembrance of, to plead with thee, and to declare that we may be justified.*c*

And now, we beseech thee, let the power of our Lord be great, according as thou hast spoken, saying, the Lord is long suffering, and of great mercy, forgiving iniquity and transgression. Pardon, we beseech thee, the iniquity of thy people, according unto the greatness of thy mercy: and as thou hast forgiven even unto now.*d*

For who is a God like unto thee, that pardonest iniquity, and passest by the transgression of the remnant of thine heritage; who retainest not thine anger for ever, because thou delightest in mercy. O that thou wouldst have compassion upon us, and subdue our iniquities, and cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.*e*

(2.) The merit and righteousness of our Lord Jesus Christ which we rely upon as our main plea in our petition for the pardon of sin.

We know that as thou art gracious and merciful, so thou art the righteous God that loveth righteousness,*g* and wilt by no means clear the guilty.*h* We cannot say, Have patience with us and we will pay thee all;*i* for we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags.*k* But Jesus Christ is made of God to us righteousness;*l* being made sin for us, though he knew no sin, that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.*m*

We have sinned, but we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous, who is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world.*n*

a Neh. 9. 17. *b* Psal. 103. 9. *c* Isa. 43. 25. 26.
d Numb. 14. 17. 18. 19. *e* Mic. 7. 18. 19. *g* Psalm 11. 7.
h Exod. 34. 7. *i* Matt. 18. 26. *k* Isa. 64. 6.
l 1 Cor. 1. 30. *m* 2 Cor. 5. 21. *n* 1 John 2. 1.

It is God that justifieth, who is he that shall condemn? It is Christ that died, yea, rather that is risen again, and now is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us,*a* and whose blood speaks better things than that of Abel.*b*

We desire to count every thing loss for Christ, and dung that we may win Christ, and be found in him, not having any righteousness of our own, but that which is through the faith of Christ.*c*

This is the name whereby we will call him, The Lord our righteousness. In him, Lord, we believe, help thou our own unbelief.*d*

Lord, remember David and all his troubles; the son of David,*e* remember all his offerings, and accept his burnt sacrifice; and turn not away the face of thine anointed,*g* who by his own blood is entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us.*h*

Hast not thou thyself set forth thy Son Christ Jesus, to be a propitiation for sin, through faith in his blood, to declare thy righteousness for the remission of sins, to declare at this time thy righteousness, that thou mayest be just, and the justifier of him that believeth in Jesus?*i* And we now receive the atonement.*k*

(3.) *The promises God hath made in his word to pardon and absolve all them that truly repent, and unfeignedly believe his holy gospel.*

Lord, is not this the word which thou hast spoken, That if the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts, and return unto the Lord, even to our God, that thou wilt abundantly pardon, wilt multiply to pardon?*l*

To thee, the Lord our God, belong mercies and forgivenesses, though we have rebelled against thee.*m*

Is not this the covenant which thou hast made with the house of Israel,*n* that thou wilt take away their sins; that thou wilt forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more; that the iniquity of Israel shall be sought

a Rom. 8. 33, 34 *b* Heb. 12. 24. *c* Phil. 3. 7, 8. 9.
d Jer. 23. 6. *e* Psalm 132. 19, 20. *g* Psal. 20. 3.
h Heb. 9. 24. *i* Rom. 3. 25. 26. *k* Rom. 5. 11.
l Isaiah 55. 7. *m* Daniel 9. 8. *n* Romans 11. 27.

for, and there shall be none;*a* and the sins of Judah, and they shall not be found?

Hast thou not said, that if the wicked will turn from all his sins which he hath committed, and keep thy statutes, he shall live, he shall not die, all his transgressions shall not be mentioned unto him?*b*

Hast thou not appointed that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in Christ's name, unto all nations?*c*

Didst thou not promise that when the sins of Israel were put upon the head of the scape-goat, they should be sent away into the wilderness, into a land not inhabited?*d* And as far as the east is from the west, so far dost thou remove our transgressions from us.*e*

O remember these words unto thy servants, upon which thou hast caused us to hope.*g*

(4.) *Our own misery and danger because of sin.*

For thy Name's sake, O Lord, pardon our iniquity, for it is great;*h* for innumerable evils have compassed us about, our iniquities have taken hold upon us, so that we are not able to look up. Be pleased, O Lord, to deliver us; O Lord, make haste to help us.*i*

O remember not against us former iniquities, let thy tender mercy speedily prevent us, for we are brought very low. Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of thy name; deliver us and purge away our sins for thy name's sake.*k*

Remember not the sins of our youth, nor our transgressions, according to thy mercy remember thou us, for thy goodness' sake, O Lord.*l*

(5) *The blessed condition which they are in whose sins are pardoned.*

O let us have the blessedness of those whose transgression is forgiven, and whose sin is covered; of that man unto whom the Lord imputeth not iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no guile.*m*

O let us have redemption through Christ's blood even the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of thy

a Jer. 50. 20. *b* Ezekiel 28, 21. 22. *c* Luke 24. 47.
d Lev. 16. 22, 23. *e* Psalm 103. 12. *g* Psal. 119. 49.
h Psalm 25. 21. *i* Psalm 40. 12, 13. *k* Psalm 79. 8, 9.
l Psalm 25. 7. *m* Psalm 32. 1, 2.

grace, wherein thou hast abounded towards us in all wisdom and prudence.*a* That being in Christ Jesus, there may be no condemnation to us.*b*

That our sins, which are many, being forgiven us, we may go in peace:*c* and the inhabitant shall not say, I am sick, if the people that dwell therein be forgiven their iniquity.*d*

2. *We must likewise pray that God will be reconciled to us, that we may obtain his favour and blessing, and gracious acceptance.*

(1.) *That we may be at peace with God, and his anger may be turned away from us.*

Being justified by faith, let us have peace with God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, and through him let us have access into that grace wherein believers stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.*e*

Be not thou a terror to us, for thou art our hope in the day of evil.*g*

In Christ Jesus let us, who sometimes were afar off, be made nigh by the blood of Christ:*h* for he is our peace, who hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us; and that he might reconcile us to God by his cross, hath slain the enmity thereby, so making peace. Through him, therefore, let us, who had made ourselves strangers and foreigners, become fellow-citizens with the saints, and of the household of God.*i*

Fury is not in thee; who would set the briars and thorns against thee in battle? thou wouldest burn them together: but thou hast encouraged us to take hold on thy strength, that we may make peace, and hast promised that we shall make peace.*k* O let us, therefore, acquaint ourselves with thee, and be at peace, that thereby good may come unto us.*l*

Heal us, and we shall be healed; save us, and we shall be saved; for thou art our praise.*m* Be not angry with us for ever, but revive us again, that thy people may rejoice in thee. Show us thy mercy, O Lord, and grant us thy salvation.*n*

a Eph. 1. 7. 8. *b* Rom. 8. 1. *c* Luke 7. 47. 50.
d Isa. 33 2. 4. *e* Rom. 5 1. 2. *g* Jer. 17. 17.
h Eph. 2. 13. *i* Eph. 14. 16, 19. *k* Isa. 27. 4. 5
l Job 22. 21. *m* Jer. 17, 44. *n* Psalm. 85, 5, 6.

(2.) That we may be taken into covenant with God, and admitted into a relation to him.

Be thou to us as a God, and take us to be to thee a people,*a* and make us a willing people in the day of thy power.*b*

Though we are no more worthy to be called thy children;*c* for how shouldst thou put us, that have been rebellious among the children, and give us the pleasant land? but thou hast said, That we shall call thee our Father, and not turn away from thee.*d* Shall we not therefore from this time cry unto thee, our Father, thou art the guide of our youth.*e*

Lord, we take hold of thy covenant,*g* to thee we join ourselves in a perpetual covenant;*h* O that thou wouldest cause us to pass under the rod,*i* and bring us into the bond of the covenant, that we may become thine.*k*

Make with us an everlasting covenant, even the sure mercies of David.*l*

(3.) That we may have the favour of God, and an interest in his special love.

We intreat thy favour, O God, with our whole hearts;*m* be merciful to us according to thy word, for in thy favour is life,*n* yea, thy loving-kindness is better than life itself.*o*

Lord, make thy face to shine upon us, and be gracious unto us; Lord, lift up the light of thy countenance upon us, and give us peace.*p*

Remember us, O Lord, with the favour that thou bearest unto thy people; O visit us with thy salvation, that we may see the good of thy chosen, and may rejoice in the gladness of thy nation, and may glory with thine inheritance.*q*

(4.) That we may have the blessing of God.

O God, be merciful to us, and bless us, and cause thy face to shine on us; yea, let God, even our God, give us his blessing.*r*

a Heb. 8. 10. *b* Psalm 110. 3. *c* Luke 15. 19.
d Jer. 3. 19. *e* Jer. 3. 4. *g* Isa. 56. 4.
h Jer. 50. 5. *i* Ez. 20. 37. *k* Ez. 16. 8.
l Isa. 55 3. *m* Psal. 119. 58. *n* Psal. 30. 5.
o Psal. 63. 3. *p* Numb. 6. 25, 26. *q* Psal. 106. 4, 5,
r Psal. 67. 1, 6.

The Lord that made heaven and earth, bless us out of Zion; *a* bless us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly things, by Christ Jesus.*b*

O that thou wouldest bless us indeed!*c* Command the blessing upon us, even life for evermore:*d* for thou blessest, O Lord, and it shall be blessed.*e*

Let us receive the blessing from the Lord, even the righteousness from the God of our salvation.*g*

Hast thou but one blessing! Yea, thou hast many blessings: bless us, even us also, O, our Father;*h* yea, let the blessing of Abraham come upon us, which, comes upon the Gentiles through faith.*i* And the blessing of Jacob, for we would not let thee go, except thou bless us.*k*

(5.) *That we may have the presence of God with us.*

If thy presence go not up with us, carry us not up hence;*l* never leave us nor forsake us.*m*

O cast us not away from thy presence, nor ever take thy holy spirit away from us;*n* but let us always dwell with the upright in thy presence.*o*

3. *We must pray for the comfortable sense of our reconciliation to God, and our acceptance with him.*

(1.) *That we may have some evidence of the pardon of our sins, and of our adoption.*

O make us to hear joy and gladness, that the bones which sin hath broken may rejoice.*p*

Say unto each of us, son, daughter, be of good cheer, thy sins are forgiven thee.*q*

Let the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge our conscience from dead works, to serve thee the living God.*r*

Let thy Spirit witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God, and joint heirs with Christ.*s*

Say unto our souls that thou art our salvation.*t*

a Psalm 134. 3. *b* Eph. 1. 3. *c* 1 Chron. 4. 10.
d Ps. 133. 3. *e* 1 Chron. 17. 27. *g* Psalm. 24. 5.
h Gen. 27. 38. *i* Gal. 3. 14. *k* Gen. 32. 26.
l Exod. 33. 15. *m* Heb. 13. 5. *n* Psalm 51. 11.
o Ps. 140. 13. *p* Ps. 51. 8. *q* Matt. 9. 2.
r Heb. 9. 14. *s* Rom. 8, 16, 17. *t* Ps. 35. 3.

(2.) *That we may have a well grounded peace of conscience; a holy security and serenity of mind arising from a sense of our justification before God, and a good work wrought in us.*

The Lord of peace himself give us peace, all peace, always, by all means; *a* that peace which Jesus Christ hath left with us. which he gives to us, such a peace as the world can neither give nor take away; such a peace as that our hearts may not be troubled nor afraid. *b*

Let the work of righteousness in our souls be peace, and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance for ever. *c*

Speak peace unto thy people, and to thy saints, and let not them turn again to folly. *d*

O create the fruit of the lips, peace, peace to them that are afar off, and to them that are nigh, and restore comfort to thy mourners. *e*

Where the sons of peace are, let thy peace find them out, and rest upon them. *g*

Cause us to hear thy loving kindness, *h* and to taste that thou art gracious, for in thee do we trust. *i*

Let the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep our hearts and minds, through Christ Jesus; *k* and let that peace rule in our hearts, unto which we are called. *l*

Now the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, that we may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost. *m*

(3.) *We must pray for the grace of God, and all the kind and powerful influences and operations of that grace.*

We come to the throne of grace, that we may obtain not only mercy to pardon, but grace to help in every time of need; grace for seasonable help. *n*

From the fulness that is in Jesus Christ, *o* (in whom it pleased the Father, that all fulness should dwell, *p*) let every one of us receive, and grace for grace.

1. *We must pray for grace to fortify us against every*

a 1 Thess. 36. 19. *b* John 14. 17. *c* Isa 32. 17.
d Psalm 85. 8. *e* Isa. 57. 18, 19. *g* Luke 10. 6.
h Psalm 143. 8. *i* Peter 2, 3. *k* Phil. 4. 7.
l Col. 3. 15. *m* Rom. 15. 13. *n* Heb. 4. 16.
o John 1. 16. *p* Col. 1. 19.

evil thought, word and work. Having been earnest for the removing of the guilt of sin, that we may not die for it as a crime, we must be no less earnest for the breaking of the power of sin, that we may not die by it as a disease, but that it may be mortified in us.

O let no iniquity have dominion over us, because we are not under the law but under grace.*a*

Let the flesh be crucified in us, with its affections and lusts; that walking in the Spirit we may not fulfil the lusts of the flesh.*b*

Let our old man be crucified with Christ, that the body of sin may be destroyed, that henceforth we may not serve sin; and let not sin reign in our mortal bodies (in our immortal souls) that we should obey it in the lusts thereof: But being made free from sin, let us become the servants of righteousness.*c*

Let the law of the spirit of life, which is in Christ Jesus, make us free from the law of sin and death.*d*

Give us grace to put off the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, that we may put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.*e*

That the world may be crucified to us, and we to the world by the cross of Christ.*g*

And that the temptations of Satan may not overcome us.

We pray that we may not enter into temptation:*h* or however, that no temptation may take us, but such as is common to men, and let the faithful God never suffer us to be tempted above what we are able, but with the temptation make way for us to escape.*i*

Put upon us the whole armour of God, that we may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil, to withstand in the evil day, and having done all to stand; let our loins be girt about with truth, put on us the breast plate of righteousness, and let our feet be shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace. Give us the shield of faith, wherewith we may quench all the fiery darts of the wicked, and the helmet of salvation; and let the

a Rom. 6. 14. *b* Gal. 5. 16, 24. *c* Rom. 6. 6, 12, 18.
d Rom. 8. 2. *e* Eph. 4. 22, 24. *g* Gal. 6. 14.
h Matt. 26. 41. *i* 1 Cor. 10. 13.

sword of the spirit, which is the word of God, be always ready to us.[a]

Enable us so to resist the devil,[b] as that he may fly from us; to resist him steadfast in the faith.[c] And the God of peace tread Satan under our feet, and do it shortly.[d]

2. *We must pray for grace to furnish us for every good thought, word and work; that we may not only be kept from sin, but may be in every thing as we should be, and do as we should do.*

Let Christ be made of God to us, not only righteousness, but wisdom, sanctification, and redemption.[e]

Let us be planted together in the likeness of Christ's death and resurrection, that as he was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also may walk in newness of life.[g]

(1.) *That the word of grace may be wrought there where it is not yet begun.*

Lord, teach transgressors thy ways, and let sinners be converted unto thee;[h] and let the disobedient be turned to the wisdom of the just, and make ready a people prepared for the Lord.[i]

Let those be quickened that are yet dead in trespasses and sins:[k] say unto them, Live; yea, say unto them, Live; and the time shall be a time of love.[l]

Open their eyes, and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and an inheritance among them who are sanctified.[m]

By the blood of the covenant send forth the prisoners out of the pit, in which is no water, that we may turn to the strong hold, as prisoners of hope.[n]

Let the word of God prevail to the pulling down of strong holds, and the casting down of the imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and let every thought be brought in obedience to Christ.[o]

a Eph. 6, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17. *b* James 4. 7.
c 1 Pet. 5. 9. *d* Rom. 16. 20. *e* 1 Cor. 1. 30.
g Rom. 6. 4. *h* Psalm. 15. 13. *i* Luke 1. 17.
k Eph. 2 1. *l* Ezek. 16, 6, 8. *m* Acts 26. 18.
n Zech. 9. 11, 12. *o* 2 Cor. 10. 5.

2. *That where it is begun it may be carried on, and at length perfected, and the foundation that is well laid may be happily built upon.*

Fulfil in us all the good pleasure of thy goodness, and the work of faith with power.*a*

Let the God that has begun a good work in us, perform it unto the day of Christ.*b*

Perfect, O God, that which concerns us: thy mercy, O Lord, endures for ever; forsake not the work of thine own hands.*c*

Lord, let thy grace be sufficient for us, and let thy strength be made perfect in weakness, that where we are weak, there we may be strong,*d* strong in the Lord, and the power of his might.*e*

More particularly we must pray for grace.

1. *To teach and instruct us, and make us knowing and intelligent in the things of God.*

Give us so to cry after knowledge, and to lift up our voice for understanding, to seek for it as silver, and to search for it as for hid treasure, that we may understand the fear of the Lord, and find the knowledge of God.*g*

Give us all to know thee, from the least even to the greatest,*h* and to follow on to know thee;*i* and so to know thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent, as may be life eternal to us.*k*

Give us the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Christ, that the eyes of our understanding being enlightened, we may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, and may experience what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power.*l*

Open thou our eyes, that we may see the wondrous things of thy law and gospel.*m*

Give us to know the certainty of those things wherein we have been instructed; and let our knowledge grow up to all riches of the full assurance of understanding.

a 2 Thess. 1. 11. *b* Phil. 1. 6. *c* Psalm 138. 8.
d 2 Cor. 12. 9, 10. *e* Eph. 6. 10. *g* Prov. 2. 3, 4, 5.
h Heb. 8. 11. *i* Hosea 6. 3. *k* John 17. 3.
l Eph. 1. 17, 18, 19. *m* Psalm 119. 18.

to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, even of the Father and of Christ.*a*

Deal with thy servants according to thy mercy, and teach us thy statutes; we are thy servants, give us understanding, that we may know thy testimonies. Let our cry come before thee, O Lord; give us understanding, according to thy word,*b* that good understanding which they have that do thy commandments, whose praise endureth for ever.*c*

2. *To lead us into and keep us in the way of truth; and if in any thing we be in an error, to rectify our mistake.*

Let the Spirit of truth guide us into all truth,*d* and cause us to understand wherein we have erred.*e*

That which we see not, teach thou us,*g* and enable us to prove all things, as to hold fast that which is good.*h*

Lord, grant that we may not be as children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine by the slight of men, but speaking the truth in love, may grow up into Christ in all things, who is the head.*i*

Lord, give us so to do thy will, as that we may know of the doctrine whether it be of God;*k* and so to know the truth, as that the truth may make us free, may make us free indeed.*l*

Enable us, we pray thee, to hold fast the form of sound words, which we have heard in faith and love, which is in Christ Jesus,*m* and to continue in the things which we have learned and been assured of.*n*

2. *To help our memories, that the truths of God may be ready to us, whenever we have occasion to use them.*

Lord, let thy Spirit teach us all things, and bring all things to our remembrance, whatsoever thou hast said unto us; *o* that the word of Christ may dwell richly in us in all wisdom and spiritual understanding.*p*

Lord, grant that we may give a more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we let

a Luke 1. 4. *b* Psalm 119. 124, 125. 169.
c Psalm 111. 10. *d* John 16. 13. *e* Job 6. 24.
g Job 34. 32. *h* 1 Thess. 5. 21. *i* Eph. 4. 14, 15.
k John 7. 17. *l* John 8. 32. 36. *m* 2 Timothy 1. 13.
n 2 Tim. 3. 14. *o* John 14. 26. *p* Col. 3. 16.

them slip, and may keep in memory what hath been preached to us, and may not believe in vain.*a*

Lord, make us ready and mighty in the scriptures that we may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.*b* and being well instructed into the kingdom of heaven, may, as the good householder, bring out of our treasure things new and old.*c*

4. *To direct our consciences, to show us the way of our duty, and to make us wise, knowing, judicious Christians.*

Lord, give us a wise and an understanding heart,*d* that wisdom which in all cases is profitable to direct;*e* that wisdom of the prudent which is to understand his way.*g*

This we pray, that our love may abound yet more and more in knowledge, and in all judgment, that we may discern things that differ, and may approve things that are excellent; that we may be sincere, and without offence unto the day of Christ, and may be filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ unto the glory and praise of God.*h*

O that we may be filled with the knowledge of thy will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; that we may walk worthy of God unto all-pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God.*i*

Teach us thy way, O God, and lead us in a plain path, because of our observers.*k*

When we know not what to do, our eyes are up unto thee:*l* then let us hear the Lord behind us, saying, This is the way, walk in it, that we turn not to the right hand nor to the left.*m*

Order our steps in thy word, and let no iniquity have dominion over us.*n*

5. *To sanctify our nature, to plant in us all holy principles and dispositions, and to increase every grace in us.*

The very God of peace sanctify us wholly; and we pray God, our whole spirit, and soul, and body may be

a Heb. 2. 1. *b* Acts 18. 29. *c* 2 Timothy 3. 17.
d 1 Kings 3. 9. *e* Eccl. 10. 10. *g* Prov. 14, 8.
h Phil 1. 9, 10, 11 *i* Col. 1. 9. 10. *k* Psalm 27. 11.
l 2 Chron. 20. 12. *m* Isa. 30. 21. *n* Psalm 119. 133.

preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; for faithful is he that calleth, who also will do it.[a]

Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us; and cast us not away from thy presence, and take not thy Holy Spirit away from us; restore unto us the joy of thy salvation, and uphold us with thy free Spirit.[b]

Write thy law in our hearts, and put it in our inward part,[c] that we may be the epistles of Christ, written by the Spirit of the living God, not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart,[d] that the law of our God being in our heart, none of our steps may slide,[e] and we may delight to do thy will, O God,[g] may delight in the law of God after the inward man.[h]

O that we may obey from the heart that form of doctrine into which we desire to be delivered, as into a mould, that our whole souls may be leavened by it;[i] and that we may not be conformed to this world, but transformed by the renewing of our mind;[k] may not fashion ourselves after our former lusts in our ignorance,[l] but as obedient children, may be holy in all manner of conversation, as he who hath called us is holy.[m]

(1.) *We must pray for faith.*

Unto us (Lord) let it be given to believe;[n] for the faith by which we are saved is not of ourselves, it is the gift of God.[o]

Lord increase our faith,[p] and perfect what is lacking in it,[q] that we may be strong in faith, giving glory to God.[r]

Lord, give us so to be crucified with Christ, as that the life we may live in the flesh we may live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved us and gave himself for us;[s] and so to bear about with us continually the dying of the Lord Jesus, as that the life also of Jesus may be manifested in our mortal bodies.[t]

a 1 Thess. 5. 23. 24. *b* Psalm 51. 10, 11, 12. *c* Heb. 8. 10.
d 2 Cor. 3. 3. *e* Psalm 37. 31. *g* Psalm 40. 1.
h Rom. 7. 22. *i* Rom. 6. 17. *k* Matt. 13. 23.
l Rom. 12. 2. *m* 1 Peter 1. 14. *n* Phil. 1. 29.
o Eph. 2. 8. *p* Luke 7. 6. *q* 1 Thess. 3. 10.
r Rom. 4. 20. *s* Gal. 12. 20. *t* 2 Cor. 4. 10.

As we have received Christ Jesus, the Lord enable us so to walk in him, rooted and built up in him, and established in the faith, as we have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.a

Let every word of thine profit us,b being mixed with faith, by which we receive thy testimony, and set to our seal that God is true.c

We beseech thee, work in us that faith which is the substance of things hoped for, and the evidence of things not seen,d by which we may look above the things that are seen, that are temporal, and may look at the things that are not seen that are eternal.e

Enable us by faith to set the Lord always before us,g and to have our eyes ever towards him,h that we may act in every thing, as seeing him that is invisible, and having a respect to the recompense of reward.i

Let our hearts be purified by faith,k and let it be our victory overcoming the world.l And let us be kept from fainting, by believing that we shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.m

2. *We must pray for the fear of God.*

Lord, work in us that fear of thee, which is the beginning of wisdom,n which is the instruction of wisdom, and which is a fountain of life,o to depart from the snares of death.p

Unite our hearts to fear thy name,q that we may keep thy commandments, which is the whole duty of man.r

O put thy fear into our hearts, that we may never depart from thee.s Let us all be devoted to thy fear:t And let us be in the fear of the Lord every day, and all the day long.v

(3.) *We must pray that the love of God and Christ may be rooted in us, and in order thereunto, that the love of the world may be rooted out of us.*

Give us grace, we beseech thee, to love thee the Lord our God, with all our heart, and soul, and mind, and

a Col. 2. 6, 7. b Heb. 4. 2. c John 3. 33.
d Heb. 11. 1. e 2 Cor. 4. 18. g Psalm 16. 8.
h Psalm 25. 15. i Heb. 9. 26, 27. k Acts 15. 9.
l 1 John 5. 4. m Psalm 27. 13. n Prov. 1. 7.
o Prov. 15. 33. p Prov. 14. 27. q Psalm 86. 11.
r Eccl. 12. 13. s Jer. 32. 40. t Psalm 119. 38.
v Prov. 23. 17.

might, which is the first and great commandment;*a* to set our love upon thee, and to delight ourselves always in thee;*b* and therein we shall have the desire of our heart.*c*

Circumcise our hearts to love the Lord our God with all our heart,*d* and with all our soul, that we may live.

O that the love of God may be shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost.*e*

O that Jesus Christ may be very precious to us,*g* as he is to all that believe, that he may be in our account the chiefest of ten thousands, and altogether lovely; and that he may be our beloved and our friend:*h* that though we have not seen him, yet we may love him; and though we now see him not, yet believing, we may rejoice with joy unspeakable, and full of glory,*i*

Let the love of Christ to us constrain us to live, not to ourselves, but to him that died for us and rose again.*k* And, Lord, grant that we may not love the world, nor the things that are in the world, because if any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him; that we may set our affections on things above, and not on things that are on the earth.*l*

(4.) *We must pray that our consciences may be always tender, and that we may live a life of repentance.*

Lord, take away the stony heart out of our flesh, and give us a heart of flesh.*m*

Make us afraid of all appearances of evil, and careful not to give Satan advantage against us,*n* as being not ignorant of his devices.*o*

Lord, give us the happiness which they have that fear always,*p* that when we think we stand, we may take heed lest we fall.

(5.) *We must pray to God to work in us charity and brotherly love.*

Lord, put upon us that charity which is the bond of perfectness,*q* that we may keep the unity of the Spirit in

a Matt. 22. 37. *b* Psalm. 91. 14. *c* Psalm 37. 4.
d Deut. 30. 6. *e* Rom. 5. 5. *g* 1 Pet. 2. 7.
h Cant. 5. 10, 16. *i* 1 Peter 1. 7. *k* 2 Cor. 5. 14.
l John 2. 15. *m* Ezek. 11. 19. *n* 1 Thess. 5. 21.
o 2 Cor. 2. 11. *p* 1 Cor. 10. 12. *q* Col. 3. 15.

the bond of peace,*a* and may live in love of peace, that the God of love and peace may be with us.*b*

Lord, give us to love our neighbour as ourselves, with that love which is the fulfilling of the law,*c* to love one another with a pure heart*d* fervently, that hereby all men may know that we are Christ's disciples.*e*

And as we are taught of God to love one another, give us to abound therein more and more,*g* and as we have an opportunity, to do good to all men,*h* and as much as in us lies to live peaceably with all men, always following after the things which make for peace,*i* and things wherewith one may edify another.*k*

Lord, make us able to love our enemies, to bless them that curse us, and to pray for them that despitefully use us, and to do good to them that hate us, forbearing one another, and forgiving one another in love,*l* as Christ forgave us.*m*

(6.) *We must pray for the grace of self-denial.*

Lord, give us grace to deny ourselves, to take up our cross daily, and to follow Christ,*n* to keep under the body, and bring it into subjection.*o*

Lord keep us from being lovers of our own selves,*p* from being wise in our own conceit, and leaning to our own understanding.*q*

Lord, give us to seek not our own only, but every one his brother's welfare.*r*

And grant that none of us may live to ourselves, or die to ourselves, but whether we live or die we may be the Lord's, and may live and die to him.*s*

(7.) *We must pray for humility and meekness.*

Lord, give us all to learn of Christ to be meek and lowly in heart, that we may find rest to our souls ;*t* and that herein the same mind be in us that was also in Christ Jesus.*v*

Lord, hide pride from us, and clothe us with humility,*w*

a Eph. 3. 4. *b* 2 Cor. 13. 11. *c* Rom. 13. 9, 10.
d 1 Pet. 1. 22. *e* John 12. 15. *g* 1 Thes. 4 9, 10.
h Gal, 6. 10. *i* Rom. 12. 18. *k* Rom. 14. 19.
l Matt. 5. 44. *m* Col. 3. 13. *n* Matt. 16. 24.
o 1 Cor. 9. 27. *p* 2 Tim. 3. 1. *q* Prov. 3. 5, 7.
r 1 Cor. 10. 24. *s* Rom. 14. 6, 7. *t* Matthew 11. 29.
v Phil. 2. 5. *w* Job 33. 17.

and put upon us the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which in thy sight is of great price.*a*

Lord, give us grace to walk worthy of the vocation wherewith we are called, with all lowliness and meekness, with long-suffering, forbearing one another in love.*b*

Let anger never rest in our bosoms,*c* nor the sun ever go down upon our wrath;*d* but enable us to show all meekness towards all men, because we ourselves also were sometimes foolish and disobedient.*e*

Let us be clothed as becomes the elect of God, holy and beloved, with bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness and long-suffering,*g* that being merciful, as our Father which is in heaven is merciful,*h* we may be perfect as he is perfect.*i*

(8.) *We must pray for the graces of contentment and patience, and a holy indifference to all the things of sense and time.*

Lord teach us whatsoever state we are in, therewith to be content; let us know how to be abased, and how to abound; every where, and in all things, let us be instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need.*k* And let godliness with contentment be great gain to us,*l* and a little with the fear of the Lord, and quietness, is better than a great treasure and trouble therewith.*m*

Lord, grant that our conversation may be without covetousness, and we may always be content with such things as we have;*n* still saying, The will of the Lord be done.*o*

Enable us in our patience to possess our own souls;*p* and let patience always have its perfect work, that we may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.*q*

Lord, give us grace to weep as though we wept not, and to rejoice as though we rejoiced not, and to possess as though we possessed not, and to use the world as not abusing it, because the time is short, and the fashion of this world passeth away.*r*

a 1 Pet. 3. 5. 3. 5. *b* Eph. 4. 1, 2. *c* Eccl. 7. 9.
d Eph. 4. 26. *e* Tit. 3. 2, 3. *g* Col. 3. 12.
h Luke 6. 36. *i* Matt. 5. 48. *k* Phil. 4. 11, 12.
l 1 Tim. 6. 6. *m* Pov. 15. 16, 17, 1. *n* Heb. 3. 5.
o Acts 21. 14. *p* Luke 21. 14. *q* James 1.
r 1 Cor. 7, 29, 30, 31.

(9.) We must pray for the grace of hope; a hope in God and Christ, and a hope of eternal life.

Let patience work experience in us, and experience hope, such a hope as maketh not ashamed.*a* Through patience and comfort of the scriptures,*b* let us have hope and be saved by hope.*c*

Let the God of Jacob be our help, and our hope always be in the Lord our God.*d*

Let us be begotten again to a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ,*e* and let that hope be to us as an anchor of the soul sure and steadfast, entering into that within the veil, whether the forerunner is for us entered.*g*

Let us have Christ in us the hope of glory, and never be moved away from that hope of the gospel;*h* but enable us to give diligence unto the full assurance of hope unto the end.*i*

(10.) We must pray for grace to preserve us from sin and all appearances of it and approaches towards it.

Now we pray to God that we may do no evil, but may be blameless and harmless as the children of God,*k* without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation.*l*

Turn away our eyes from beholding vanity, and quicken thou us in thy way: Remove from us the way of lying, and grant us thy law graciously.*m*

Incline not our hearts to any evil thing, to practise wicked works with them that work iniquity, and let us not eat of their dainties.*n*

O clense us from our secret faults, keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins; let not them have dominion over us, but let us be upright, and innocent from the great transgressions:*o* and grant that hereby we may prove ourselves upright before thee, by keeping ourselves from our own iniquity.*p*

Let thy word be hid in our hearts, that we may not sin against thee,*q* and thy grace be at all times sufficient

a Rom. 5. 4, 5. *b* Rom. 15. 4. *c* Rom. 8. 24.
d Psal. 146. 5. *e* 1 Pet. 1. 3. *g* Heb. 6. 19, 20.
h Col. 1. 23, 27. *i* Heb. 6. 1. *k* 2 Cor. 13. 7.
l Phil. 2. 15. *m* Psalm 37. 39. *n* Psalm 141. 4.
o Psalm 19. 12, 13. *p* Psalm 18. 23. *q* Psalm 119. 11.

for us,*a* ready to us, and mighty in us, and never give us up to our own hearts' lust, to walk in our own counsels.*b*

Enable us to walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise,*c* so circumspectly that we may cut off occasion from them which desire occasion to blaspheme that worthy name by which we are called,*d* and with well doing may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men,*e* and may adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things *g*

7. *We must pray for grace to enable us both to govern our tongues well and to use them well.*

Lord, enable us to take heed to our ways, that we offend not with our tongue, and to keep our mouth as it were with a bridle,*h* that it may not be hasty to utter any thing.*i*

Set a watch, O Lord, before our mouth,*k* keep the door of our lips, that we may not offend in word.*l*

Let our speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt.*m* and enable us always out of the good treasure of our heart to bring forth good things.*n* Let our mouth speak wisdom, and our tongue talk judgment;*o* and let not thy words depart out of our mouth, nor out of the mouth of our seed, or our seed's seed, from henceforth and for ever.*p*

Enable us always to open our mouth with wisdom, and let the law of kindness be in our tongue:*q* give us to know what is acceptable,*r* that our tongue may be as choice silver, and our lips may feed many.*s*

8. *We must pray for grace to direct and quicken us to, and to strengthen and assist us in our duty, in the whole course of our conversation.*

Let the grace of God, which hath appeared to us, and to all men, bringing salvation, effectually teach us to deny all ungodliness and worldly fleshly lusts, and to live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world, looking for the blessed hope, and the glorious appearing

a 2 Cor. 12. 9. *b* Psalm 81. 12. *c* Eph. 5. 15.
d 2 Cor. 11. 12. James 3 7. *e* 1 Peter 2. 15. *g* Titus 2. 10.
h Psalm 39. 1. *i* Eccl. 5. 2. *k* Psalm 141. 3.
l James 3. 2. *m* Col. 4. 6. *n* Matt. 12. 35.
o Psalm 37. 30. *p* Isaiah 39. 21. *q* Prov. 31. 26.
r Prov. 10 32. *s* Prov. 10. 21.

of the great God, and our Saviour Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people zealous of good works.*a*

(1.) *That we may be prudent and discret in our duty.*

Thou hast said, If any man lack wisdom he must ask it of God, who gives to all men liberally, and upbraideth not, and it shall be given him.*b* Lord, we want wisdom, make us wise as serpents, and harmless as doves,*c* that wisdom may make our face to shine,*d* and may be better to us than weapons of war.

Enable us to walk in wisdom towards them that are without, redeeming the time.*e*

Give us to order all our affairs with discretion, and to behave ourselves wisely in a perfect way, with a perfect heart.*g*

(2.) *That we may be honest and sincre in our duty.*

Let our wisdom be not that from beneath, which is earthly, sensual, devilish; but wisdom from above, which is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy.*h*

O that we may always have our conversation in the world in simplicity and godly sincerity, not with fleshly wisdom, but by the grace of God.*i*

Lord, uphold us in our integrity, and set us before thy face for ever,*k* and let integrity and uprightness preserve us, for we wait on thee.*l*

Let our hearts be found in thy statutes, that we be not ashamed;*m* and let our eye be single that our whole body may be full of light.*n*

(3.) *That we may be active and diligent in our duty.*

Lord, quicken us to work the works of him that sent us while it is day, because the night comes wherein no man can work;*o* and what good our hands find to do, to do it with all our might, because there is no work or knowledge in the grave whither we are going.*p*

a Titus 2. 11, 12. 13, 14. *b* James 1. 5. *c* Matt. 10. 26.
d Eccl. 8. 1, 9. 18. *e* Col. 4. 5. *g* Psalm 112. 5.--101. 2.
h James 2. 15, 17. *i* 2 Cor. 1. 12. *k* Psalm 41. 10.
l Psalm 25. 31. *m* Psalm 119. 80. *n* Matt. 6. 22.
o John 9. 4. *p* Eccl. 9. 10.

Lord, grant that we may never be slothful in any good business, but fervent in spirit, serving the Lord;[a] stedfast and unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as we know that our labour is not in vain in the Lord.[b]

Lord, make us zealously affected in every good work,[c] and what we do, enable us to do it heartily, as unto the Lord, and not unto men.[d]

Lord, enable us to do the work of every day in its day, according as the duty of the day requires,[e] redeeming the time, because the days are evil,[g] that when our Lord comes he may find us so doing.[h]

(4) *That we may be resolute and courageous in our duty, as those that know, that though we may be losers for Christ, we shall not be losers by him in the end.*

Lord, teach us to endure hardness, as good soldiers of Jesus Christ,[i] that we may not fear the reproach of men,[k] or their revilings, nor be ashamed of Christ, or of his words,[l] knowing whom we have believed, even one who is able to keep what we have committed to him against that day.[m]

Though bonds and afflictions should abide us, Lord, grant that none of these things may move us, and that we may not count life itself dear to us, so we may finish our course with joy.[n]

Enable us in all things to approve ourselves to God, and then to pass by honor and dishonor, by evil report and good report, clad with the armour of righteousness on the right hand, and on the left,[o] as those that account it a very small thing to be judged of man's judgment for he that judgeth us is the Lord.[p]

(5.) *That we may be pleasant and cheerful in our duty*

Lord, enable us to rejoice evermore, to rejoice in th Lord always,[q] because he hath again said unto us, Rejoice; that we may go on our way rejoicing,[r] may ea our bread with joy, and drink our wine with a merr

a Rom. 12. 11. *b* 1 Cor. 15. 58. *c* Galatians 4. 18.
d Col. 3. 23. *e* Ezra. 3. 4. *g* Eph. 5. 16.
h Luke 12. 43. *i* 2 Timothy 2. 3. *k* Isaiah 57. 7.
l Mark 8. 38, *m* 2 Timothy 1. 12. *n* Acts 20. 23, 24.
o 2 Cor. 6. 4, 7, 8. *p* 1 Cor. 4. 3, 4. *q* 1 Thess. 5. 16.
r Phil. 4. 4.

heart,*a* as we shall have reason to do if God now accepteth our works.*b*

Give us grace to serve thee, the Lord our God, with joyfulness and gladness of heart in the abundance of all things;*c* and to sing in the ways of the Lord, because great is the glory of our God.*d*

Let us have that cheerfulness of heart which doth good like a medicine,*e* and deliver us from that heaviness which maketh the heart stoop,*g* and that sorrow of the world which worketh death.*h*

(6:) *That we may do the duty of every condition of life, every event of providence, and every relation wherein we stand.*

Lord, enable us in a day of prosperity to be joyful, and in a day of adversity to consider, because God hath set the one over against the other,*i* to add to our knowledge temperance, and to temperance patience.*k*

Give us grace to abide with thee in the calling wherein we are called;*l* and in all our ways to acknowledge thee, and be thou pleased to direct our steps.*m*

Let those that are called, being servants, be the Lord's freemen; and those that are called, being free, be Christ's servants.*n*.

Let all in every relation dwell together in unity, that it may be as the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descends upon the mountains of Zion.*o* O that we may dwell together as joint-heirs of the grace of life, that our prayers may not be hindered.*p*

Give us grace to honour all men, to love the brotherhood, to fear God,*q* and to be subject to the higher powers, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake.*r*

(7.) *That we may be universally concientious.*

O that we may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God.*s*

O that our ways were directed to keep thy command-

a Acts 8. 39. *b* Eccl. 9. 7. *c* Dan. 28. 47.
d Psalm 138. 5. *e* Prov. 17. 22. *g* Prov. 12, 25.
h 2 Cor. 7, 10. *i* Eccl. 9, 7. *k* 2 Pet. 1, 6.
l 1 Cor. 7. 24. *m* Prov. 3, 6. *n* 1 Cor. 7. 21.
o Psalm 133. 1, 3. *p* 1 Pet. 3. 7. *q* 1 Pet. 2. 17.
r Rom. 13. 1, 5. *s* Col. 4. 12.

ments. And then shall we not be ashamed when we have respect to them all.*a*

Teach us, O Lord, the way of thy statutes, and we shall keep it unto the end. Give us understanding, and we shall keep thy law, yea, we shall observe it with our whole heart. Make us to go in the path of thy commandments, for therein do we delight. Incline our hearts unto thy testimonies, and not to covetousness.*b*

Grant us, we pray thee, according to the riches of thy glory, that we may be strengthened with all might by the spirit in the inward man: that Christ may dwell in our hearts by faith, and we being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints, what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height, and may know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, and be filled with a divine fullness, and may partake of a divine nature.*c*

And let the love of Christ constrain us to live not to ourselves, but to him that died for us, and rose again.*d*

8. *We must pray for grace to make us wiser and better every day than another.*

Lord, give us to increase with the increases of God;*e* to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ;*g* to hold on our way, and having clean hands; to grow stronger and stronger.*h*

Let our path be as the shining light, which shines more and more unto the perfect day.*i*

We have not yet attained, nor are we already perfect; Lord, grant that therefore, forgetting the things that are behind, we may reach forth to those things that are before, for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.*k*

Be thou as the dew unto us, that we may grow as the lily, and cast forth our roots as Lebanon; that our branches may spread, and our beauty be as the olive tree.*l* And let the sun of righteousness arise upon us with healing under his wings, that we may go forth and grow up as calves of the stall.*m*

a Psalm 119. 5, 6. *b* Psalm 119. 33, 34, 35, 36.
c Eph. 3. 16, 17, 18, 19. *d* 2 Cor. 5. 14, 15. *e* Col. 2. 19.
g 2 Pet. 3. 18. *h* Job 17. 9. *i* Prov. 4. 18.
k Phil. 3. 12, 13, 14. *l* Hos. 14, 5, 6. *m* Mal. 4. 2.

9. *We must pray for effectual support and comfort under all the crosses and afflictions that we meet with in this world.*

We know that we are born to trouble as the sparks fly upward; but in six troubles be thou pleased to deliver us, and in seven let no evil touch us.*a*

Let the eternal God be our refuge, and underneath be the everlasting arms,*b* that the spirit thou hast made may not fail before thee, nor the soul that thou hast redeemed.*c*

Let us be strengthened with all might, according to thy glorious power, unto all patience and long suffering with joyfulness.*d*

Let thy statutes be our songs in the house of our pilgrimage; and let thy testimonies, which we have taken as a heritage for ever, be always the rejoicing of our hearts.*e*

When we are troubled on every side, yet let us not be distressed, and when we are perplexed, let us not be in despair,*g* but as sorrowful, and yet always rejoicing; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.*h*

10. *We must pray for grace to preserve us to the end, and to fit us for whatever lies before us 'twixt this and the grave.*

Lord, deliver us from every evil work, and preserve us to thy heavenly kingdom, being kept from falling,*i* that we may be presented faultless, at the coming of thy glory with exceeding joy.*k*

Lord, make us to increase and abound in love, one towards another, and towards all men, that our hearts may be established unblameable in holiness, before God even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints.*l*

If Satan desire to have us that he may sift us as wheat, yet let Christ's intercession prevail for us, that our faith fail not.*m*

Till we are taken out of the world, let us be kept from the evil, and sanctified through thy truth: thy word is truth.*n*

a Job 5 17, 19. *b* Deut. 33 27. *c* Isaiah 57 16.
d Col. 1 11. *e* Psalm 119 54, 111. *g* 2 Cor 4. 8.
h 2 Cor. 6 10. *i* 2 Tim. 4 18. *k* Jude 24.
l 1 Thess 12 13. *m* Luke 22 32, 32. *n* John 16 15, 17.

Build us up, we pray thee, in our most holy faith, and keep us in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.*a*

Grant that we may continue to call upon thee as long as we live,*b* and till we die may never remove our integrity from us: and that our righteousness we may hold fast, and never let it go, and our hearts may not reproach us so long as we live.*c*

11. *We must pray for grace to deliver us from death, and to carry us well through our dying moments.*

Lord, make us to know our end, and the measure of our days, what it is, that we may know and consider how frail we are;*d* and that our days are as a handbreadth, and that every man at his best state is altogether vanity, and our days upon earth are as a shadow, and there is no abiding.*e*

Lord, teach us so to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom,*g* and make us to consider our latter end.*h*

Lord, make us always ready with our loins girded about, and our lights burning, because the Son of man comes at an hour that we think not.*i*

Keep us all the days of our appointed time, waiting till our change comes; and then shalt thou call, and we will answer.*k*

Bring us to our grave as a shock of corn in its season;*l* satisfy us with life, whether it be longer or shorter, and show us thy salvation.*m*

And when we walk through the valley of the shadow of death, be thou with us, that we may fear no evil, let thy rod and thy staff comfort us.*n*

Let goodness and mercy follow us all the days of our life,*o* and let us dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Mercy and truth be with us.*p*

Redeem our souls from the power of the grave, and receive us:*q* guide us by thy counsel, and afterward receive us into glory.*r*

a Jude 1. 20, 21. *b* Psalm 116. 2. *c* Job 27. 5, 6.
d Psalm 39. 4, 5. *e* 1 Cor. 29. 15. *g* Psalm 90. 12.
h Deut. 32. 29. *i* Luke 12. 35. 40. *k* Job 14. 14, 15.
l Job 5. 26. *m* Psalm 91. 16. *n* Psalm 23. 4.
o Psalm 33, 8. *p* 2 Sam. 15. 20. *q* Psalm 49. 15.
r Psal. 73. 24.

12. *We must pray for grace to fit us for heaven, and that we may at length be put in possession of eternal life.*

Lord, make us meet to partake of the inheritance of the saints in light;[a] let God himself work us to the self-same thing, and give us the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.[b]

O that we may now have our conversation in heaven, that we may from thence with comfort look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus,[c] who shall change our vile bodies, that they may be fashioned like unto his glorious body.[d]

O that we may set our affections on things that are above, and that our life may be hid with Christ in God, that when Christ, who is our life, shall appear, we also may appear with him in glory;[e] that when he shall appear, we may be like him, may see him as he is,[g] may behold his face in righteousness, and when we awake may be satisfied with his likeness.[h]

When we fail, let us be received into everlasting habitations, in the city that hath habitations, whose builder and maker is God,[i] that we may be together for ever with the Lord,[k] to see as we are seen, and know as we are known.[l]

And in the mean time help us to comfort ourselves and one another with these words; and having this hope in us, to purify ourselves, even as Christ is pure.[m]

And now, our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, who hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace, comfort our hearts, and stablish us in every good word and work.[n]

5. *We must pray for the good things of life, with an humble submission to the will of God.*

Lord, thou hast told us that godliness hath the promise of the life that now is, as well as of that which is to come;[o] and that if we seek first the kingdom of God and the righteousness thereof, other things shall be

a Col. 1. 12. b 2 Cor. 5. 5. c Phil. 3. 30, 21.
d Gal. 3. 2, 3, 4. e Col. 3. 2, 3, 4. g 1 John 3. 2.
h Psalm 17. 15. i Luke 16. 9. k Heb. 11. 10.
l 1 Thess. 4. 17. 18. m 1 John 3. 3. n 2 Thess. 2. 16, 17.
o 1 Timothy 4. 8.

added to us :*a* and therefore we cast all our care about these things upon thee,*b* who carest for us; for our heavenly Father knows that we have need of all these things.*c*

1. *We must pray to be preserved from the calamities to which we are exposed.*

Thou, Lord, art our refuge and our fortress, and under thy wings will we trust, thy truth shall be our shield and buckler: let us therefore not be afraid for the terror by night nor for the arrow that flieth by day. Having made the Lord our refuge, and the Most High our habitation, let no evil befal us nor any plague come nigh our dwelling.*d*

Let the Lord be our keeper even he that keepeth Israel, and neither slumbers nor sleeps. Let the Lord be our shade on our right hand, that the sun may not smite us by day nor the moon by night; let the Lord preserve us from all evil; the Lord preserve our souls: the Lord preserve our going out and coming in, from this time forth, and even for evermore.*e*

Lord, make a hedge about us, about our houses, and about all that we have round about;*g* and take sickness away from the midst of us.*h*

2. *We must pray to be supplied with the comforts and supports we daily stand in need of.*

O that the beauty of the Lord our God may be upon us; prosper thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish thou it:*i* save now, we beseech thee, O Lord; O Lord, we beseech thee, send now prosperity.*k*

Let our sons be as as plants grown up in their youth, and our daughters as corner stones polished after the similitude of a palace.*l* Let our garners be full, affording all manner of store; and let there be no breaking in or going out; no complaining in our streets: happy is the people that is in such a case, yea rather, happy is the people whose God is the Lord.

a Matt. 6. 32. *b* 1 Pet. 5. 7. *c* Matt. 6. 32.
d Psalm 91. 2, 4, 9, 10. *e* Psal. 121. 4, 5, 6, 7, 8. *g* Job 1. 10.
h Exod. 23. 25. *i* Psal. 90. 17. *k* Psal. 118. 25.
l Psal. 144. 12. 13, 15.

Let us be blessed in the city, and blessed in the field, let our basket and our store be blessed, let us be blessed when we come in, and when we go out.*a*

Let thy good providence so order all events concerning us, that they may be made to work for good to us, as thou hast promised they shall to all that love thee, and are called according to thy purpose.*b*

Give us to trust in the Lord, and do good, and then we shall dwell in the land, and verily we shall be fed; and be thou pleased to bring forth our righteousness as the light, and our judgment as the noon-day.*c*

Let us be hid from the scourge of the tongue, and not be afraid of destruction when it cometh; let us be in league with the stones of the field, and let the beasts of the field be at peace with us; let us know that our tabernacle is in peace, and let us visit our habitation and not sin.*d*

And if God will be with us, and will keep us in the way that we go, during our pilgrimage in this world, and will give us bread to eat, and raiment to put on, so that we may come to our heavenly Father's house in peace, then the Lord shall be our God.*e*

6. *We must plead the promises of God for the enforcing of all our petitions, put these promises in suit, and refer ourselves to them.*

Lord thou hast given us many exceeding great and precious promises,*g* which are all yea and amen in Christ.*h* Now be it unto thy servants according to the word which thou hast spoken.*i*

Give us to draw water with joy out of these wells of salvation,*k* to suck and be satisfied from those breasts of consolation;*l* and now, O Lord God, let the word which thou hast spoken concerning thy servants be established for ever, and do as thou hast said.*m*

Deal with us according to the tenor of the everlasting covenant, which is well ordered in all things and sure, and which is all our salvation, and all our desire.*n*

a Deut. 28. 3, 5, 6. *b* Rom. 8. 28. *c* Psal. 37, 3, 6.
d Job 5. 21, 23 24. *e* Gen. 28. 20, 21. *g* 2 Peter 1. 4.
h 2 Cor. 1. 20. *i* Luke 1. 38. *k* Isa. 12. 3.
l Isa. 66. 11, *m* 2 Sam. 7. 25. *n* 2 Sam. 26, 5.

Look upon us, and be merciful to us, as thou usest to do unto those that love thy name,*a* and do more for us than we are able to ask or think,*b* and supply all our needs according to thy riches in glory by Christ Jesus.*c*

CHAP. IV.

Of the fourth part of PRAYER, *which is Thanksgivings for the Mercies we have received from God, and the many Favours of his we are interested in, and have, and hope for benefit by.*

OUR errand at the throne of grace is not only to seek the favour of God, but to give unto him the glory due unto his name, and that not only by an awful adoration of his infinite perfections, but by a grateful acknowledgment of his goodness to us which cannot indeed add any thing to his glory, but he is pleased to accept of it, and to reckon himself glorified by it, if it come from a heart that is humbly sensible of its own unworthiness to receive, any favor from God, that values the gifts, and loves the giver of them.

1. *We must stir up ourselves to praise God with the consideration both of the reason and of the encouragement we have to praise him.*

Unto thee, O God, do we give thanks, unto thee do we give thanks; for that thy name is near, thy wondrous works declare.*d*

Let our souls bless the Lord, and let all that is within us bless his holy name; yea, let our souls bless the Lord, and not forget any of his benefits.*e*

We will praise the Lord, for it is good, it is pleasant, and praise is comely for the upright, yea, it is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord,*g* and to sing praises unto thy name, O most High; and to show forth thy

a Psalm 119. 132. *b* Eph. 3. 20. *c* Phil. 4. 19.
d Psalm 75. 1. *e* Psalm 103. 1, 2. *g* Ps. 147. 1.

loving kindness in the morning, and thy faithfulness every night.*a*

We will extol thee, our God, O King, and will bless thy name for ever and ever; every day will we bless thee, and will praise thy name for ever and ever; we will abundantly utter the memory of thy great goodness, and sing of thy righteousness.*b*

We will sing unto the Lord a new song, and his praise in the congregation of saints; O let Israel rejoice in him that made him, let the children of Zion be joyful in their King: let the saints be joyful in glory, and let the high praises of God be in their hearts, and in their mouths.*c*

While we live we will bless the Lord, and will sing praise unto our God while we have any being; and when we have no being on earth, we hope to have a being in heaven, to be doing it better.*d*

We are here through Jesus Christ to offer the sacrifice of praise to thee, which we desire to do continually, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to thy name.*e* And thou hast said that he that offers praise glorifies thee,*g* and that this also shall please the Lord better than an ox or bullock that hath horns or hoofs.*h*

We will mention the loving kindnesses of the Lord, and the praises of the Lord, according to all that the Lord hath bestowed on us, and the great goodness towards the house of Israel, which he hath bestowed on them, according to his mercies, and according to the multitude of his loving kindnesses.*i*

1. *We must be particular in our thanksgivings to God.*

(1.) *For the discoveries which he has made to us in his word of the goodness of his nature.*

We give thanks unto the God of gods, unto the Lord of lords, for his mercy endures for ever.*k*

Thy goodness is thy glory,*l* and 'tis for that which all thy works do praise thee, and thy saints do bless thee.*m*

[illegible] rt gracious and full of compassion, slow to

[illegible] 1. 2. *b* Ps. 145. 1, 2, 7. *c* Ps. 149. 1, 2, 5, 6.
[illegible] 9. *e* Heb. 13 15. *g* Psalm 50. 23.
[illegible] 31. *i* Isa. 63 7. *k* Psalm 136. 2, 3.
[illegible] 9. *m* Psalm 145. 10.

anger, and of great mercy, and hast told us, that thou dost not afflict willingly,*a* or grieve the children of men, but though thou cause grief, yet thou wilt have compassion according to the multitude of thy mercies.*b*

Thou takest pleasure in them that fear thee, in them that hope in thy mercy.*c*

(2.) *For the many instances of his goodness.*

1. *The goodness of his providence relating to our bodies, and the life that now is; and this.*

1*st. With reference to all the creatures, and the world of mankind in general.*

Thou hast stretched out the heavens like a curtain, and in them thou hast set a tabernacle for the sun,*d* which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race.*e* And thou causest thy sun to shine on the evil and on the good; and sendest rain on the just and on the unjust.*g*

When we consider the heavens, the work of thy fingers, the sun, the moon, and the stars which thou hast ordained; Lord, what is man that thou thus visitest him?*h* For truly the light is sweet, and a pleasant thing it is for the eyes to behold the sun:*i* all the glory be to the Father of light,*k* who commandeth the morning, and causeth the day spring to know his place.*l*

Thou didst not leave thyself without witness among the heathen, in that thou didst good, and gavest them rain from heaven, and fruitful seasons, filling their hearts with food and gladness.*m*

Thou coverest the heavens with clouds, and preparest rain for the earth, and makest grass to grow upon the mountains: thou givest to the beast his food, and to the young ravens which cry.*n*

Thou causest it to rain on the wildernes, where there is no man to satisfy the desolate and waste ground.*o*

Thou visitest the earth, and waterest it, thou greatly enrichest it with the river of God, which is full of water; thou preparest them corn, when thou hast so provided

a Psalm 145. 8. *b* Lam. 3. 32, 33. *c* Psalm 147. 11.
d Psalm 104. 2. *e* Psalm 19 4, 5. *g* Matt. 5. 45.
h Psalm 8 3, 4. *i* Eccl. 11. 7. *k* James 1. 17.
l Job 38. 12. *m* Acts 14. 17. *n* Psalm 147. 8, 9.
o Job 38. 26, 27.

for it: thou waterest the ridges thereof abundantly, thou settlest the furrows thereof, thou makest it soft with showers, thou blessest the springing thereof: thou crownest the year with thy goodness, and thy paths drop fatness.*a*

Thou sendest the springs into the valleys, which run among the hills; and they give drink to every beast of the field: and by them the fowls of the heavens have their habitation, which sing among the branches.*b*

Thou hast laid the foundations of the earth, that it should not be removed for ever, and settest bounds to the waters of the sea, that they turn not again to cover the earth.*c* Thou hast shut up the sea with doors, and broken up for it thy decreed place, saying Hitherto shalt thou come, but no farther, here shall thy proud waves be stayed.*d* And thou hast made good what thou hast sworn, that the waters of Noah shall no more go over the earth.*e*

Thy covenant of the day and of the night is not broken,*g* but still thou givest the sun for a light by day, and the ordinances of the moon and of the stars for a light by night;*h* and art faithful to that covenant of providence, that while the earth remains, seed time and harvest time, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night shall not cease.*i*

The heaven, even the heavens are thine, but the earth thou hast given to the children of men,*k* and thou hast put all things under their feet, and made them to have dominion over the works of thy hands;*l* so that the fear of man, and the dread of man, is upon every beast of the earth, and upon the fowl of the air, and into his hand they are delivered, because thou hadst a favour to him,*m* and thy delights were with the sons of men.*n*

Thou causest the grass to grow for the cattle, and herb for the service of man, that thou mayest bring forth food out of the earth; wine that makes glad the heart of man, and oil to make his face to shine, and bread which strengthens man's heart.*o*

a Psalm 65. 9, 10, 11. *b* Psalm 104. 10, 11, 12. *c* Psalm 104. 5, 9.
d Job 38. 8, 11. *e* Isa. 54. 9. *g* Jer. 33. 20.
h Jer. 31. 35. *i* Gen. 8. 22. *k* Psalm 115. 16.
l Psalm 8. 6. *m* Gen. 9. 2. *n* Prov. 8. 31.
o Psalm 104, 14, 15.

Thou givest to all life and breath,*a* and all things on the earth, O Lord, is full of thy mercy.*b*

All the creatures wait upon thee, that thou mayst give them their meat in due season; that thou givest them they gather; thou openest thy hand, they are filled with good: thou sendest forth thy Spirit, they are created; thou renewest the face of the earth. This thy glory shall endure for ever, and thou rejoicest in these works.*c*

It is through thy goodness, O Lord, that as one generation of mankind passeth away, another generation comes,*d* and that thou hast not blotted out the name of that corrupt and guilty race from under heaven.*e*

2dly. With reference to us in particular.

(1.) *We must give thanks that he has made us reasonable creatures, capable of knowing, loving, serving, and enjoying him, and that he hath not made us like the beasts that perish.*

We will praise thee, for we are fearfully and wonderfully made, and that our souls, our nobler part, know right well;*g* for no man knows the things of a man, save the spirit of man, which is in him.*h*

Thou hast made us of that rank of beings which is a little lower than the angels, and is crowned with glory and honour; *i* for there is a spirit in man, and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding.*k* And the spirit of a man is the candle of the Lord.*l* Our bodies are capable of being the temples of the Holy Ghost, and our souls of having the Spirit of God dwell in them;*m* we therefore glorify thee with our bodies, and with our spirits, which are thine.*n*

Thou, Lord, hast formed us for thyself, that we might show forth thy praise.*o*

(2.) *We must give thanks for our preservation, that our lives are prolonged, and the use of our reason and understanding, our limbs and senses, are continued to us.*

It was owing to thy good providence that we died not

a Acts 17. 25. *b* Psalm 119. 64. *c* Psalm 104. 27, 28, 30, 31.
d Eccl. 1. 4. *e* Deut. 29. 20. *g* Psalm 139. 14.
h 1 Cor. 2. 11. *i* Psalm 8. 5. *k* Job 32. 8.
l Prov. 20. 27. *m* 1 Cor. 6. 10. 20. *n* 1 Cor. 3. 16.
o Isa. 43. 21.

from the womb, and did not give up the ghost when we came out of the belly, that the knees prevented us, and the breasts that we should suck.*a*

Though we were called transgressors from the womb,*b* yet by thy power we have been born from the belly, and carried from the womb:*c* and thou holdest our souls in life, and sufferest not our foot to be moved.*d*

All our bones shall say, Lord, who is like unto thee?*e* for thou keepest the bones, not one of them is broken.*g*

We lay us down and sleep, for thou, Lord, makest us to dwell in safety.*h*

Thou hast given thine angels a charge concerning us, to keep us in all our ways, to bear us up in their hands, lest we dash our foot against a stone.*i* And they are all ministering Spirits, sent forth to minister for the good of them that shall be heirs of salvation.*k*

(3.) *For signal recoveries from danger by sickness, or otherwise,*

When perhaps there has been but a step between us and death,*l* and when we have received a sentence of death within ourselves,*m* and have been ready to say in the cutting off of our days we should go to the gates of the grave, and were deprived of the residue of our years, yet thou hast in love to our souls delivered them from the pit of corruption, and cast all our sins behind thy back.*n*

When the sorrows of death have compassed us, and the pains of hell have got hold upon us, we have called upon the name of the Lord, and have found that gracious is the Lord, and righteous, yea, our God is merciful; we have been brought low, and he hath helped us, and hath delivered our souls from death, our eyes from tears, and our feet from falling. We will therefore walk before the Lord in the land of the living.*o*

(4.) *For the supports and comforts of this life, which have hitherto made the land of our pilgrimage easy and pleasant to us.*

a Job 3. 11. 12. *b* Isa. 48. 8. *c* Isa. 46. 3. *d* Psalm 66. 9. *e* Psalm 35. 10. *g* Psalm 34. 20. *h* Psalm 3. 5. *i* Psalm 91. 11, 12. *k* Heb. 1. 14. *l* 1 Sam. 20. 3. *m* 2 Cor. 1. 9. *n* Isa. 38. 10, 17. *o* Psalm 116, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8,

Blessed be the Lord, who daily loads us with his benefits, even the God of our salvation.*a*

Thou makest me to lie down in green pastures, thou feedest us beside the still waters: thou preparest a table for us in the presence of our enemies, thou anointest our head, and our cup runs over.*b*

It may be we were sent forth without purse or scrip, but lacked we any thing? Nothing Lord.*c*

The candle of God hath shined upon our head, and by his light we have walked through darkness, and the secret of God has been in our tabernacle.*d*

Thou hast given us all things richly to enjoy,*e* and into our hands hast brought plentifully.*g*

Many a time we have eaten and been filled, and have delighted ourselves in thy great goodness.*h*

When we remember all the ways which the Lord our God hath led us for so many years in this wilderness,*i* we must here set up a stone and call it Ebenezer, for hitherto the Lord hath helped us.*k*

(5.) *For success in our callings and affairs, comfort in relations and comfortable places of abode.*

It is God that girdeth us with strength, and maketh our way perfect;*l* that hath blessed the work of our hands,*m* and it may be so as that though our beginning was small, yet our latter end hath greatly increased.*n*

Our houses have been safe from fear, and there hath been no rod of God upon us;*o* so that the voice of rejoicing and salvation hath been in our tabernacle from day to day.*p*

With our staff it may be we have passed over this Jordan,*q* and now we are become two bands, and 'tis God that setteth the solitary in families.*r*

If we have lived joyfully with our relations,*s* and they have been to us as the loving hind, and as the pleasant roe, we must give thee thanks for it, for every creature is that to us, and no more than thou makest it to be.*t*

a Psalm 68. 17. *b* Psalm 23. 2, 5. *c* Luke 22. 35.
d Job 29. 3. 4. *e* 1 Tim. 6. 17. *g* Job 12. 6.
h Neh. 9. 25. *i* Deut. 8. 2. *k* 1 Sam. 7. 12.
l Psalm 18. 32. *m* Job 1. 10. *n* Job 8. 7.
o Job 21. 9. *p* Psalm 118. 15. *q* Gen. 32. 10.
r Psalm 68. 6. *s* Eccl. 9. 9. *t* Prov. 5. 19.

(6.) *For our own share in the public plenty, peace and tranquility.*

When we have eaten and are full, we have reason to bless thee for the good land which thou hast given us, *a* a land which the eyes of the Lord our God are always upon, from the beginning of the year even to the end of the year. *b*

Thou makest peace in our borders, and fillest us with the finest of the wheat: *c* we are delivered from the noise of archers at the place of drawing water; there, therefore, will we rehearse the righteous acts of the Lord, even his righteous acts toward the inhabitants of his villages. *d*

We thank thee that the powers that are set over us are ministers of God to us for good, *e* that they seek the welfare of our people, speaking peace to all their seed. *g*

2. *The goodness of his grace relating to our souls and the life that is to come.*

But especially blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly things in Christ. *h*

1st. *We must give God thanks for his kindnesses to the children of men, relating to their better part, and their future state, and his favours to the church in general.*

(1.) *We must give thanks for his gracious design and contrivance of man's redemption and salvation, when he was lost and undone by sin.*

O how wonderfully did the kindness and love of God, our Saviour, towards man appear, not by any works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us: *i* we have destroyed ourselves, but in thee, and thee only was our help. *k*

When we were cast out in the open field, and no eye pitied us, thou sawest us polluted in our own blood, and thou saidst unto us, Live; yea, thou saidst unto us, Live; and the time was a time of love. *l*

When the redemption of the soul was so precious as that it must have ceased forever, and no man could by

a Deut. 8. 10. *b* Deut. 9. 12. *c* Psalm 147. 14.
d Judg. 5. 11. *e* Rom. 14. 4. *g* Est. 10. 3.
h Eph. 1. 3. *i* Tit. 3. 4, 5. *k* Hos. 13. 9.
l Ezek. 16. 5, 6, 8.

any means redeem his brother, or give to God a ransom for him, then thou wast pleased to find a ransom,*a* that we might be delivered from going down to the pit.*b*

When we must needs die, and were as water spilt on the ground, which cannot be gathered up again, then didst thou devise means that the banished might not be for ever expelled from him.*c*

When thou sparedst not the angels that sinned, but didst cast them down to hell;*d* thou saidst concerning the race of mankind, destroy it not for a blessing is in it.*e*

Herein appears the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom which God ordained before the world for our glory.*g*

(2.) *For the eternal purposes and counsels of God concerning man's redemption.*

We are bound to give thanks always to thee, O God, because thou hast from the beginning chosen some to salvation through sanctification of the spirit:*h* that there is a remnant according to the election of grace,*i* whom God hath chosen in Christ before the foundation of the world, that they should be holy and without blame before thee in love, having predestinated them to the adoption of children, by Jesus Christ, unto thyself, according to the good pleasure of thy will, to the praise of the glory of thy grace.*k*

Thine they were, and thou givest them to Christ, and this is thy will, that of all that thou hast given him he should lose nothing, but should raise it up at the last day.*l*

(3.) *For the appointing of the Redeemer, and God's gracious condescension to deal with men upon new terms, receding from the demands of the broken covenant of innocency.*

We bless thee, that when sacrifice and offering thou wouldst not, and in it hadst no pleasure,*m* that then the eternal Son of God said, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God, and a body hast thou prepared me:*n* and that as in the volume of the book it was written of him, he did

a Psalm 49. 7. *b* Job 33. 24. *c* 2 Sam. 14. 14.
d 2 Pet. 2. 4. *e* Isa. 65. 8, *g* 1 Cor. 2. 7.
h 2 Thess. 2. 13. *i* Rom. 11. 5. *k* Eph. 1. 4. 5. 6.
l John 17. 6, 6, 39. *m* Heb. 10. 5, 6, 7. *n* Psalm. 40. 7, 8.

delight to do thy will, O God, yea, thy law was within his heart.

Thou hast laid help upon one that is mighty, one chosen out of the people:*a* thou hast found David thy servant, with thy holy oil thou hast annointed him, even with the oil of gladness above his fellows, and didst promise that with him thy hand should be established, and thy arm should strengthen him, and that thou wouldest make him thy first-born, higher than the kings of the earth.*b*

We bless thee, that the Father now judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment to the Son: that as he hath life in himself, so he hath given to the Son to have life in himself,*c* and hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man.*d* That the Father loveth the Son, and hath given all things into his hand; and that the counsel of peace is between them both.*e*

That he is thy servant, whom thou dost uphold, thine elect in whom thy soul delighteth;*g* thy beloved Son, in whom thou art well pleased:*h* that thou hast given him for a covenant of the people,*i* and that through him we are not under the law, but under grace.*k*

That God so loved the world, as to give his only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*l*

(4.) *For the early and ancient indication of the gracious design concerning fallen man.*

We bless thee, that as soon as ever man had sinned, it was graciously promised that the seed of the woman should break the serpent's head;*m* and that in the Old Testament sacrifices, Jesus Christ was the lamb slain from the foundation of the world.*n*

And that by faith the elders, though they received not the promise, yet obtained a good report, for they obtained witness that they were righteous.*o*

We bless thee for the promise made to Abraham, that

a Psalm 89. 19, 20, 21, 27. *b* Psalm 40. 7. *c* John 5. 22. 26, 27. *d* John 3. 35. *e* Zech. 6. 13. *g* Isa. 61. *h* Mat. 17. 5. *i* Isa. 49. 8. *k* Rom. 6. 14. *l* John 13. 16. *m* Gen. 3. 15. *n* Rev. 13. 8. *o* Heb. 11. 2, 4, 39.

in his seed all the families of the earth should be blessed;*a* and to Jacob, that the Shiloh should come, and to him should the gathering of the people be;*b* and that the Patriarchs rejoiced to see Christ's day, and they saw it and were glad.*c*

(5.) *For the many glorious instances of God's favour to the Old Testament church.*

We adore that wisdom, peace and goodness with which thou broughtest the vine out of Egypt, didst cast out the heathen and plant it; thou preparedst room before it and didst cause it to take deep root, and it filled the land.*d*

And they got not the land in possession by their own sword, neither did their own arm save them, but thy right hand and thine arm, and the light of thy countenance, because thou hadst a favour to them.*e*

We bless thee that to the Jews were committed the oracles of God,*g* that they had the adoption and the glory, and the covenant, the giving of the law, and the service of God and the promises:*h* and that there did not fail one word of all thy good promise, which thou promisedst by the hand of Moses, thy servant.*i*

We bless thee for all that which thou didst at sundry times and in divers manner speak in time past unto the fathers, by the prophets,*k* these holy men of God, who spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost,*l* and prophesied of the grace that should come unto us, testifying beforehand the suffering of Christ, and the glory that should follow, and that not to themselves only, but to us they ministered those great things, things which the angels themselves desire to look into.*m*

And especially we bless thee, that thou hast provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect.*n*

(6.) *For the wonderful and mysterious incarnation of the Son of God, and his coming into the world.*

We bless thee, that when the fullness of time was come thou didst send forth thy Son made of a woman, made

a Gen. 12. 3. *b* Gen. 40. 10. *c* John 8. 56.
d Psalm 80. 8, 9. *e* Psalm 44. 3. *g* Rom. 3. 2.
h Rom. 9. 4. *i* 1 Kings 8. 56. *k* Heb. 1. 1.
l 2 Pet. 1. 21. *m* 1 Pet. 1. 10, 11, 12. *n* Heb. 11. 40.

under the law, to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.*a*

That the eternal word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, and there were those who saw his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. And without controversy, great is the mystery of godliness, that God was manifested in the flesh.*b*

We bless thee, that to this end he was born, and for this cause he came into the world, that he might bear witness of the truth ; and we believe, and are sure, that he is that Christ, the Son of the living God :*c* that it is he that should come, and we are to look for no other.*d*

We bless thee, that the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost ;*e* that he is come that we might have life, and that we might have it more abundantly,*g* and that for this purpose the Son of God was manifested that he might destroy the works of the devil.*h*

Lord, we receive it as a faithful saying, and well worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, even the chief.*i*

We bless thee, that forasmuch as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same : that he took not on him the nature of angels, but our nature, and was in all things made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and Faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people : and that he is not ashamed to call them brethren.*k*

And that the first begotten was brought into the world with a charge given to all the angels of God to worship him.*l*

(7.) For God's gracious owning of him in his undertaking, and in the carrying of it on.

We bless thee, that thou wast in Christ, reconciling the world to thyself, not imputing their trespasses unto them, and that thou hast committed unto us the word of reconciliation.*m*

a Gal. 4. 4. *b* John 1. 14. *c* John 18. 37.
d John 6. 69 *e* Luke 19. 10. *g* John 10. 10.
h 1 John 3 8. *i* 1 Tim. 1. 15. *k* Heb. 2. 11, 14, 16, 17.
l Heb. 1. 6. *m* 2 Cor. 5. 19.

That thou hast thyself given him for a witness to the people, a leader and commander to the people. That he was sanctified and sealed and sent into the world, and that the Father who sent him did not leave him alone, for he always did those things that pleased him.*a*

Glory be to God in the highest, for in and through Jesus Christ there is on earth peace, and good-will towards men.*b*

In this was manifested the love of God towards us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.*c*

We thank thee for the power thou hast given him over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as were given him.*d*

(8.) *For his holy life, his excellent doctrine, and the glorious miracles he wrought to confirm his doctrine.*

We bless thee for the assurance we have, that he is a teacher come from God, since no man could do those miracles which he did, except God were with him.*e*

That thou hast in these last days spoken unto us by thy Son,*g* whose doctrine was not his,*h* but his that sent him, and he spake as one having authority; and that we are encouraged to come and learn of him, because he is meek and lowly in heart, and in learning of him we shall find rest to our souls.*k*

We bless thee that he has left us an example, that we should follow his steps, in that he did not sin, neither was guile found in his mouth, and when he was reviled, he reviled not again;*l* and his meat and drink was to do the will of his Father;*m* in that he was holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners.*n* O that we may be armed with the same mind, and that as he was, so we may be in this world;*o* and that we may so walk even as he walked.*p*

We bless thee, that the works which he did, the same bore witness of him, that the Father had sent him,*q* that by his power the blind received their sight, the lame

a John 8. 29. *b* Luke 2. 15. *c* 1 John 4. 9.
d John 17. 2. *e* John 3. 2. *g* Heb. 1 2.
h John 7. 16. *i* Matt. 7. 29. *k* Matt. 11. 29.
l 1 Pet. 2 21, 22, 23. *m* John 4. 34. *n* Heb. 7. 26.
o 1 Pet. 4. 1. *p* 1 John 4. 17. *q* John 5. 36.

walked, the lepers were clensed, the deaf heard,*a* the dead were raised up, and the poor had the gospel preached them ;*b* and even the winds and the sea obeyed him, for which we glorify the God of Israel.c Doubtless this was the Son of God.*d*

(9.) *For the great encouragement Christ gave to poor sinners to come to him.*

We bless thee that Jesus Christ came to call not the righteous, but sinners (such as we are) to repentance, and had power on earth to forgive sin ;*e* that he came to save his people from their sins ;*g* and is the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world,*h* and that he is (to his honor, not to his reproach) a friend to publicans and sinners.*i*

We thank thee for the gracious invitation he gave to those who are weary and heavy laden to come to him for rest :*k* and for the assurance he hath given, that whosoever comes unto him, he will in no wise cast him out.*l*

That he made a gracious offer, that whosoever thirsts might come unto him and drink.*m*

(10.) *For the full satisfaction which he made to the justice of God for the sin of many by the blood of his cross, for the purchases, victories, and triumphs of the cross, and for all the precious benefits which flow to us from the dying of the Lord Jesus.*

Herein indeed God commendeth his love to us, in that while we were yet sinners,*n* Christ died for us, that we might be reconciled to him by the death of his Son.*o* Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world ;*p* that he tasted death for every man, that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is the devil.*q*

We bless thee, that by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified,*r* that he hath finished

a Matt. 11. 5. *b* Matt. 8. 27. *c* Matt. 15. 31.
d Matt. 27. 54. *e* Matt. 9. 6. 13. *g* Matt. 1 21.
h John 1. 29. *i* Matt. 11. 19. *k* Matt. 11 28.
l John 6. 37. *m* John 7. 37. *n* Rom. 5. 8.
o 1 John 4 18. *p* John 2. 2. *q* Heb. 2. 9, 14.
r Heb. 10. 14.

transgression, made an end of sin, made reconciliation for iniquity, and hath brought in an everlasting righteousness.*a*

That he hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, by being made a curse for us.*b*

That what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God hath done by sending his own Son in the likeness of flesh, who by a sacrifice for sin, condemned sin in the flesh.*c*

That he was wounded for our transgressions, and bruised for our iniquities, and that the chastisement of our peace was upon him, and by his stripes we are healed; and that the Lord having laid upon him the iniquity of us all, it pleased the Lord to bruise him, and put him to grief.*d*

That appearing to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself, he did by the eternal Spirit offer himself without spot unto God, and by his own blood entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.*e*

That he hath spoiled principalities and powers, and made a show of them openly, triumphing over them in his cross, and hath blotted out the hand-writing of ordinances which was against us, which was contrary to us, taking it out of the way, by nailing it to his cross.*g*

That he is our peace, who, having broken down the middle wall of partition between Jew and Gentile, hath made himself of twain one new man, hath reconciled both unto God in one body, by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby.*h*

That he hath loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, and hath made us unto our God kings and priests.*i*

O the height, and depth, and length and breadth of that love of Christ which passeth knowledge!*k* that great love wherewith he loved us!*l*

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain, to receive power and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and

a Dan. 9. 24. *b* Gal. 3. 13. *c* Rom. 8. 3.
d Isa. 53, 5, 6, 10. *e* Heb. 9. 12, 14. 26. *g* Col. 2. 14, 15.
h Eph. 2. 14. 15. 16. *i* Rev. 1. 5, 6. *k* Eph. 3. 18.
l Eph. 2. 4.

glory, and blessing; for he was slain, and hath redeemed us to God by his blood.*a*

(11.) *For his resurrection from the dead on the third day.*

We thank thee, that as he was delivered for our offences, so he arose again for our justification,*b* and was declared to be the Son of God with power, by the resurrection from the dead.*c*

That though he was dead, yet he is alive, and lives for evermore, and hath the keys of hell and death,*d* and being raised from the dead, he dies no more, death hath no more dominion over him.*e*

That now is Christ risen from the dead, and is become the first fruits of them that slept, that as in Adam all died, so in Christ all might be made alive, and every one in his own order.*g*

That God suffered not his holy One to see corruption, but loosed the pains of death, because it was impossible he should be holden of them, and so declared to all the house of Israel, that the same Jesus whom they crucified is both Lord and Christ.*h*

And that for this end Christ both died, and rose, and revived, that he might be Lord both of the dead and living,*i* and that whether we wake or sleep, we might live together with him.*k*

(12.) *For his ascension into heaven, and his sitting at God's right hand there.*

We bless thee that our Lord Jesus has ascended to his Father and our Father, to his God and our God;*l* is ascended up on high, having led captivity captive, and hath received gifts for men, yea, even for the rebellious also, that the Lord God might dwell among them.*m*

That as the forerunner he is for us entered, entered into heaven itself,*n* now to appear in the presence of God for us,*o* a Lamb, as it had been slain, standing in the midst of the throne.*p*

That he is set on the right hand of the throne of the

a Rev. 5. 9. 12. *b* Rom. 4. 25. *c* Rom. 1. 4.
d Rev. 1. 18. *e* Rom. 6. 9. *g* 1 Cor. 15. 20, 12.
h Acts 4. 24, 31, 36. *i* Rom. 14. 9. *k* 1 Thess. 5 10.
l John 20. 17. *m* Psalm 68. 18. *n* Heb. 6. 20.
o Heb. 9. 14. *p* Rev. 1. 6.

majesty in the heavens,*a* angels and authorities and powers being made subject to him.*b*

That he is gone before to prepare a place for us in his Father's house, where there are many mansions, and though whither he is gone we cannot follow him now,*c* yet we hope to follow him hereafter, when he shall come again to receive us to himself, that where he is, there we may be also.*d*

(13.) *For the intercession which he ever lives to make, in the virtue of his sanctification.*

We thank thee, that having borne the sins of many, he makes intercession for transgressors;*e* and prays not for those only that were given him when he was upon earth, but for all that shall believe on him through their word; that they all may be one.*g*

That we have an advocate with the Father, even Jesus Christ the righteous, who is therefore able to save to the uttermost all those that come to God as a Father by him a Mediator,*h* seeing he ever lives making intercession.*i*

That we have a High Priest taken from among men, and ordained for men in things pertaining to God, that he may offer both gifts and sacrifice for sin, who can have compassion on the ignorant, and on them who are out of the way, and that he is become the author of eternal salvation to all them that obey him.*k*

(14.) *For the dominion and sovereignty, to which the Redeemer is exalted.*

We thank thee, that because our Lord Jesus humbled himself, and became obedient to death, even the death of the cross, therefore God hath highly exalted him, and given a name above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee might bow, and every tongue confess (as we do at this time) that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*l*

That all power is given unto him both in heaven and in earth, that thou hast set him over the works of thy hands,*m* and hast put all things in subjection under his feet, and so hast crowned him with glory and honor.*n*

a Heb. 8. 1. *b* 1 Peter 3. 22. *c* John 14. 2, 3.
d John 13 36. *e* Isa. 52. 12. *g* John 17. 20, 21.
h 1 John 2 1. *i* Heb. 7. 25. *k* Heb. 5. 1, 2, 9.
l Phil. 2. 8, 9, 10. *m* Matt. 28. 18. *n* Heb. 2, 7, 8, 9.

That he is King of kings, and Lord of lords,*a* that the Ancient of days hath given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, an everlasting dominion, and a kingdom which shall not be destroyed.*b*

That the government is upon his shoulders, and that his name is called Wonderful, Counsellor, the mighty God, the everlasting Father, and the Prince of peace: and of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end.*c*

That thou hast set him as a king upon thy holy hill of Zion,*d* and that he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever, shall reign till he has put down all opposing rule, principality and power,*e* till all his enemies are made his footstool, and then he shall deliver up the kingdom to God, even the Father, that God may be all in all.*g*

(15.) *For the assurance we have of his second coming to judge the world.*

We bless thee, that thou hast appointed a day in which thou wilt judge the world in righteonsness, by that man whom thou hast ordained, whereof thou hast given assurance unto all men, in that thou hast raised him from the dead.*h*

That in that day, the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, in flaming fire; taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ:*i* and shall come to be glorified in his saints, and admired in all them that believe; for them that sleep in Jesus he will bring with him.*k*

That he shall send forth his angels to gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity, and to gather together his elect from the four winds,*l* and then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father.*m*

And we then, according to thy promise, look for new heavens, and a new earth, wherein dwells righteousness: Lord, grant that seeing we we look for such things, we

a Rev. 19. 16. *b* Dan. 7. 14. *c* Isa. 9. 6, 7.
d Psalm 2. 6. *e* Luke 1. 33. *g* 1 Cor. 15. 24, 25, 28.
h Acts 17. 31. *i* 2 Thess. 1. 7, 8, 10. *k* 1 Thess. 4. 14.
l Matt. 13. 41, 44. *m* Matt. 24. 31.

may give diligence to be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless.*a* And then come, Lord Jesus, come quickly.*b*

(16.) *For the sending of the Holy Spirit to supply the want of Christ's bodily presence, to carry on his undertaking, and to prepare things for his second coming.*

We bless thee that when our Lord Jesus went away, he sent us another comforter to abide with us forever, even the Spirit of truth,*c* who shall glorify the Son, for he shall take of his, and shall show it unto us.*d*

That being by the right hand of God exalted,*e* and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he poured it forth as rivers of living water.*g*

Blessed be God for the signs and wonders, and divers miracles and gifts of the Holy Ghost, with which God bare witness to the great salvation.*h* And blessed be God for the promise, that as earthly parents, though evil, know how to give good gifts to their children, so our heavenly Father will give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him,*i* that holy spirit of promise which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession.*k*

(17.) *For the covenant of grace made with us in Jesus Christ, and all the exceeding great and precious privileges of that covenant, and for the seals of it.*

We thank thee that in Jesus Christ thou hast made an everlasting covenant with us, even the sure mercies of David,*l* and that though the mountains may depart, and the hills be removed, yet this covenant of thy peace shall never be removed.*m*

That thou hast given unto us exceeding great and precious promises, that by these we might be partakers of a divine nature:*n* and that Jesus Christ is the mediator of this better covenant, which is established upon better promises.*o*

That though thou chasten our transgression with the rod, and our iniquity with stripes, yet thy loving kind-

a 2 Pet. 3. 13, 14. *b* Rev. 22. 20. *c* John 14. 16, 17.
d John 16. 14. *e* Acts 2. 33. *g* John 7. 38.
h Heb. 2. 4. *i* Luke 11. 13. *k* Eph. 1. 13, 14.
l Isa. 55. 3. *m* Isa. 54. 10. *n* 2 Pet. 1. 4.
o Heb. 8. 6.

ness thou wilt not utterly take away, nor cause thy faithfulness to fail, thy covenant thou will not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of thy lips.*a*

That being willing more abundantly to show to the heirs of promise the immutability of thy counsel, thou hast confirmed it by an oath, That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold on the hope set before us.*b*

That baptism is appointed to be a seal of the righteousness which is by faith, as circumcision was ;*c* that it assures us of the remission of sins, and the gift of the Holy Ghost ; and that this promise is to us and our children.*d* And that the cup in the Lord's Supper is the blood of the New Testament, which was shed for many, for the remission of sins.*e*

(18.) *For the writing of the scriptures, and the preserving of them pure and entire to our day.*

We thank thee that we have the scriptures to search, and that in them we have eternal life, and that they testify of Christ,*g* and that all scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, and for instruction in righteousness.*h*

That whatsoever things were written aforetime, were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scripture might have hope :*i* and that we have this most sure word of prophecy, as a light shining in a dark place.*k*

That the vision is not become to us as the words of a book that is sealed,*l* but that we hear in our own tongue the wonderful works of God.*m*

We thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that the things which were hid from the wise and prudent, and which many prophets and kings desired to see, and might not, are revealed to us babes ; even so, Father, for so it seemed good in thy sight.*n*

a Psalm 89. 32, 33, 34. *b* Heb. 6. 17, 18. *c* Rom. 4. 11.
d Acts 2. 38, 39. *e* Matt. 28. 29. *g* John 5. 39.
h 2 Tim. 3. 16. *i* Rom. 15. 4. *k* 1 Pet. 1. 19.
l Isa. 29. 11. *m* Acts 2. 11. *n* Luke 10. 21, 24.

(19.) *For the institution of ordinances, and particularly that of the ministry.*

We thank thee, that thou hast not only showed thy word unto Jacob, but thy statutes and judgments unto Israel, unto us: thou hast not dealt so with other nation, and as for thy judgments they have not known them.*a*

That the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them,*b* and that he hath set his sanctuary in the midst of them for evermore,*c* and there will meet with the children of Israel.*d*

We thank thee, that thou hast made known unto us thy holy Sabbaths,*e* and that still there remains the keeping of a Sabbath to the people of God.*g* And that when the Lord Jesus ascended up on high, he gave gifts unto men, not only prophets, apostles, and evangelists, but pastors and teachers, for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come in the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ.*h* And that while they teach us to observe all things which Christ hath commanded, he hath promised to be with them always, even unto the end of the world.*i*

(20.) *For the planting of the Christian religion in the world, and the setting up of the gospel church, in despite of all the opposition of the powers of darkness.*

We thank thee, that the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, and the gospel which was made known to all nations for the obedience of faith,*k* was mighty through God to the pulling down of the strong holds;*l* that the Lord wrought with it, and confirmed the word by signs following,*m* so that Satan fell as lightning from heaven.*n*

That though the gospel was preached in much contention,*o* yet it grew and prevailed mightily,*p* and mul-

a Psalm 147. 19, 20. *b* Rev. 21. 3. *c* Ezek. 37. 26.
d Exod. 29. 43. *e* Neh. 9. 14. *g* Heb. 9. 9.
h Eph. 4. 8, 11, 12, 13. *i* Matt. 28. 20. *k* Rom. 16. 25, 26.
l 2 Cor. 10. 4. *m* Mark 16. 20 *n* Luke 10. 18.
o 1 Thess. 2. 2. *p* Acts 19. 20.

titudes turned to God from idols, to serve the living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven.*a*

Now came salvation and strength, and the kingdom of our God and the power of his Christ.*b* And the exalted Redeemer rode forth with his bow, and with his crown, conquering and to conquer,*c* and nations were born at once.*d*

(21.) For the preservation of Christianity in the world unto this day.

We bless thee, that though the enemies of Israel have afflicted them, from their youth up, have many a time afflicted them, yet they have not prevailed against them: though the plowers have plowed on their back, yet the righteous Lord has cut asunder the cords of the wicked.*e*

That Jesus Christ hath built his church upon a rock, which the gates of hell cannot prevail against,*g* but his seed shall endure for ever, and his throne as the days of heaven.*h*

(22.) For the martyrs and confessors, the lights of the church, and the good examples of those that are gone before us to heaven.

We bless thee for all those who have been enabled to approve themselves to God in much patience, in afflictions, in distresses,*i* who, when they have been brought before governors and kings for Christ's sake, it has turned to them for a testimony, and God has given them a mouth and wisdom, which all their adversaries were not able to gain-say or resist.*k*

That those who for Christ's sake were killed all the day long, and accounted as sheep for the slaughter, yet in all these things we are more than conquerors, through him that loved us.*l*

That they overcame the accuser of the brethren by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of the testimony, and not by the loving of their lives unto death.*m*

We bless thee for the cloud of witnesses with which we are encompassed about,*n* for the footsteps of the flock,*o*

a 1 Thess. 1. 9. *b* Rev. 12 10. *c* Rev. 5. 2.
d Isa. 66. 8. *e* Psalm 129. 1, 2, 3, 4. *g* Matt. 21. 18.
h Psalm 89. 29. *i* 2 Cor. 6 4. *k* Luke 21. 12, 13, 15.
l Rom. 8. 36, 37. *m* Rev. 12. 11. *n* Heb. 12. 1.
o Cant. 1. 8.

for the elders that have obtained a good report,*a* and are now, through faith and patience, inheriting the promises.*b* Lord, give us to follow them, as they followed Christ.*c*

(23.) *For the communion of saints; that spiritual communion which we have in faith and hope, and holy love, and in prayers and praises with all good christians.*

We bless thee, that if we walk in the light, we have fellowship one with another,*d* even with all that in every place call on the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours.*e*

That we, being many, are one bread and one body,*g* and that though there are diversities of gifts and administrations, and operations, yet there is the same Spirit, the same Lord, and the same God, which worketh all in all.*h*

We thank thee, that all the children of God which were scattered abroad,*i* are united in him who is the head of the body, the church;*k* so they are all our brethren and companions in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ.*l*

(24.) *For the prospect and hope of eternal life, when time shall be no more.*

We thank thee for the crown of life which the Lord hath promised to them that love him; the inheritance incorruptible, undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for us.*m*

That having here no continuing city,*n* we are encouraged to seek the better country, that is the heavenly, the city that hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.*o*

That we are in hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, hath promised;*p* and that all true believers, through grace, have eternal life abiding in them.*q*

2dly. We must give God thanks for the spiritual mercies bestowed upon us in particular, especially if we are

a Heb. 11. 2. *b* Heb. 6. 12. *c* 1 Cor. 11. 1.
d 1 John 1. 7. *e* 1 Cor. 1. 2. *g* 1 Cor. 10, 17.
h 1 Cor. 12. 4, 5, 6. *i* John 11. 52. *k* Col. 1 8.
l Rev. 1. 5. *m* Jam. 1. 12. *n* Heb. 13. 14.
o Heb. 11. 10, 16. *p* Tit. 1. 2. *q* 1 John 5, 13.

called with an effectual call, and have a good work of grace begun in us.

(1.) *We must bless God for the striving of his Spirit with us, and the admonitions and checks of our own consciences.*

We bless thee that thou hast not given us over to a reprobate mind,*a* that our consciences are not seared, that thou hast not said concerning us,*b* They are joined to idols, let them alone,*c* but that thy Spirit is yet striving with us.*d*

We thank thee for the work of the law written in our hearts, our own consciences also bearing witness, and our own thoughts between themselves accusing or excusing one another.*e*

(2.) *We must bless God if there be a saving change wrought in us by his blessed Spirit.*

And hath God by his grace translated us out of the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of his dear Son?*g* Hath he called us into the fellowship of Jesus Christ,*h* and made us nigh by his blood, who by nature were afar off?*i* Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto thy name we give glory.*k*

We give thanks to God always for those to whom the gospel is come, not in word only, but in power, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance.*l*

Thou hast loved us with an everlasting love, and therefore with loving kindness thou hast drawn us,*m* drawn us with the cords of a man, and the bands of love.*n*

When the strong man armed kept his palace in our hearts, and his goods were in peace, it was a stronger than he that came upon him, and took from him all his armour wherein he trusted, and divided the spoil.*o*

(3.) *We must give thanks for the remission of our sins and the peace of our consciences.*

We bless thee for the redemption we have through Christ's blood, even the forgiveness of sins, according

a Rom. 1. 18. *b* 1 Tim. 4. 2. *c* Hos. 4. 17.
d Gen. 6. 3. *e* Rom. 2. 15. *g* Col. 1. 13.
h 1 Cor. 1. 9. *i* Eph. 2. 13. *k* Psalm 115. 1.
l 1 Thess. 1. 2, 5. *m* Jer. 31. 3. *n* Hos. 10. 4.
o Luke 11. 21, 22.

to the riches of thy grace, wherein thou hast abounded towards us.*a*

That thou hast forgiven all our iniquities, and healed all our diseases; and hast in love to our souls delivered them from the pit of corruption :*b* for thou hast cast all our sins behind thy back.*c*

When thou broughtest us into the wilderness, yet there thou spakest comfortably to us, and gavest us our vineyards from thence; and the valley of Achor for a door of hope.*d*

(4.) *For the powerful influences of the divine grace to sanctify and preserve us, to prevent our falling into sin, and to strengthen us in doing our duty.*

Thou hast not quenched the smoaking flax, nor broke the bruised reed,*e* nor despised the day of small things,*g* but having obtained help of God, we continue hitherto.*h*

In the day when we cried, thou hast answered us, and hast strengthened us with strength in our souls.*i*

We have been continually with thee, thou hast holden us by the right hand, when our feet were almost gone, and our steps had well nigh slipt.*k*

We have reason never to forget thy precepts, for by them thou hast quickened us; and unless thy law had been our delight, we should many a time have perished in our affliction; for thy statutes have been our songs in the house of our pilgrimage.*l*

Unless the Lord had been our help, our souls had almost dwelt in silence; but when we said, Our foot slippeth, thy mercy, O Lord, held us up: and in the multitude of our thoughts within us, thy comforts have been the delight of our souls.*m*

(5.) *For sweet communion with God in holy ordinances, and the communications of his favour.*

We have been abundantly satisfied with the fatness of thy house, and thou hast made us drink of the river of thy pleasures. For with thee is the fountain of life, in thy light shall we see light.*n*

a Eph. 1. 7. *b* Psalm 103. 3. *c* Isa. 38, 17.
d Hos. 2. 14 15. *e* Matt. 12. 20. *g* Zech. 4. 10
h Acts 26. 22. *i* Psalm 138. 3. *k* Psalm 73. 2. 3.
l Psalm 119. 92, 93. *m* Psalm 94. 17, 18, 19. *n* Psalm 36, 8, 9.

Thou hast brought us to thy holy mountain, and made us joyful in thy house of prayer,*a* and we found it good for us to draw near to God.*b*

We have had reason to say, That a day in thy courts is better than a thousand, and that it is better to be door-keepers in the house of our God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness;*c* for the Lord God is a sun and shield, he will give grace and glory, and no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly: O Lord of hosts, blessed is the man that trusts in thee.

We have sitten down under thy shadow with delight, and thy fruit hath been sweet unto our taste; thou hast brought us into the banquetting house, and thy banner over us has been love.*d*

(6.) For gracious answers to our prayers.

We have reason to love thee, O Lord, because thou hast heard the voice of our supplications, and because thou hast inclined thine ear unto us; we will therefore call upon thee as long as we live.*e*

Out of the depths have we called unto thee, O Lord.*g* and thou hast heard our vows, and given us the heritage of those that fear thy name.*h*

Nay, before we have called, thou hast answered, and while we have been yet speaking, thou hast heard and hast said,*i* Here I am,*k* and hast been nigh unto us in all that which we call unto thee for.*l*

Lord, thou hast heard the desire of the humble, thou wilt prepare their heart, and cause thine ear to hear.*m*

Blessed be God, who hath not turned away our prayer, or his mercy from us:*n* for we have prayed, and have gone away, and our countenance has been no more sad.*o*

(7.) For support under our afflictions, and spiritual benefit and advantage by them.

Thou hast comforted us in all our tribulation, hast considered our trouble,*p* and known our souls in adver-

a Isa. 56 7. *b* Psalm 73 28. *c* Psalm 84 10, 11, 12.
d Cant. 2 3. 4. *e* Psalm 116. 1, 2. *g* Psalm 130. 1.
h Psalm 61. 5. *i* Isa. 65 25. *k* Isa. 58. 9.
l Deut. 4. 7. *m* Psalm 10. 17. *n* Psalm 66, 20.
o 1 Sam. 1. 18. *p* 1 Cor. 1. 4.

sity, and showed us thy marvellous kindness, as in a strong city.a

When afflictions have abounded, consolations have much more abounded.b

Though no affliction for the present hath been joyous but grievous, nevertheless, afterwards it hath yielded the peaceable fruit of righteousness; and hath proved to be for our profit, that we might be partakers of thy holiness.c

We have had reason to say that it was good for us we were afflicted, that we might learn thy commandments; for before we were afflicted we went astray, but afterwards have kept thy word.d

It has been but for a season, and when there was need, that we were in heaviness, through manifold temptations; and we beg that all the trials of our faith may be found unto praise, and honor and glory, at the appearing of Jesus Christ, whom having not seen we love, in whom, though we now see him not, yet believing, we rejoice, with joy unspeakable, and full of glory; are longing to receive the end of our faith, even the salvation of our souls.e

(8.) *For the performance of God's promises.*

Thou hast dealt well with thy servants, O Lord, according to thy word,g and thou hast been ever mindful of thy covenant, the word which thou hast commanded to a thousand generations.h

There hath not failed one word of all the good promise which thou hast promised to David thy servant, and Israel thy people.i

And now, what shall we render unto the Lord for all his benefits towards us? Let our souls return to him, and repose in him as their rest, because he hath dealt bountifully with us; we will take the cup of our salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord;k for the Lord is good, his mercy is everlasting, and his truth endureth to all generations.l

a Psalm 21. 7, 21. b 2 Cor. 2. 5. c Heb. 12. 10, 11.
d Psalm 119 67, 71. e 1 Pet. 1. 6, 7. 8. 9. g Psalm 119 65.
h Psalm 105. 8. i 1 Kings 8. 56, 66. k Psalm 116. 7, 12, 13.
l Psalm 100, 5.

We will bless the Lord at all times, yea, his praise shall continually be in our mouths;*a* we will sing unto the Lord as long as we live;*b* and we hope to be shortly with those blessed ones who dwell in his house above, and are still praising him, and who rest not day or night from saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty.*c*

CHAP. V.

Of the fifth part of PRAYER, *which is Intercession, or Address and Supplication to God for others.*

OUR Lord Jesus hath taught us to pray, not only with, but for others; and the apostle hath appointed us to make supplication for all saints: and many of his prayers in his epistles are for his friends: and we must not think that when we are in this part of prayer, we must let fall our fervency, and be more indifferent, because we ourselves are not immediately concerned in it, but rather let a holy fire of love, both to God and man here, make our devotions yet more warm and lively.*d*

1. *We must pray for the whole world of mankind, the lost world;*e *and thus we must honor all men, and according to our capacity do good to all men.*g

We pray, as we are taught, for all men, believing that this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth, and of Jesus Christ, who gave himself a ransom for all.*h*

O look with compassion upon the world that lies in wickedness,*i* and let the prince of this world be cast out,*k* that has blinded their minds.*l*

O let thy way be known upon earth, that barbarous nations may be civilized,*m* and those that live without

a Psalm 34. 1. *b* Psalm 104. 33. *c* Rev. 4. 8.
d Eph. 6. 18. *e* 1 Pet. 2, 17. *g* Gal. 6. 10.
h 1 Tim. 2. 3, 4. *i* 1 John 5. 19. *k* John 12. 31.
l 2 Cor. 4. 4. *m* Psalm 67. 2.

God in the world may be brought to the service of the living God;*a* and thus let thy saving health be known unto all nations: let the people praise thee, O God, yea, let all the people praise thee: O let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for thou shalt judge the people righteously, and govern the nations upon earth.*b*

O let thy salvation and thy righteousness be openly showed in the sight of the heathen, and let all the ends of the earth see the salvation of our God.*c*

O give thy Son the heathen for his inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for his possession:*d* for thou hast said, It is a light thing for him to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved of Israel, but thou wilt give him for a light to the Gentiles.*e*

Let all the kingdoms of this world become the kingdoms of the Lord, and of his Christ.*g*

2. *For the propagating of the gospel in foreign parts, and the enlargement of the church, by the bringing in of many to it.*

O let the gospel be preached unto every creature; *h* for how shall men believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without preachers? and how shall they preach except they be sent?*i* and who shall send forth labourers but the Lord of the harvest?*k*

Let the people which sit in darkness see a great light, and to them which sit in the regions and shadow of death, let light spring up.*l*

Add unto thy church daily such as shall be saved;*m* enlarge the place of its tents, lengthen its cords and strengthen its stakes.*n*

Bring thy seed from the east, and gather them from the west; say to the north, Give up; and to the south, Keep not back: bring thy sons from far, and thy daughters from the ends of the earth.*o* Let them come with acceptance to thine altar, and glorify the house

a Eph. 2. 12. *b* Psalm 67. 3. 4. *c* Psalm 98. 2, 3,
d Psalm 2. 8. *e* Isa. 49. 6. *g* Rev. 11. 15.
h Mark 16. 16. *i* Rom. 10. 14, 15. *k* Matt. 9. 38.
l Matt. 4. 16. *m* Acts 2. 47. *n* Isa. 54, 2,
o Isa. 63. 5, 6,

of thy glory; let them fly as a cloud, and as the doves to their windows.*a*

In every place let incense be offered to thy name, and pure offerings; and from the rising of the sun to the going down of the same, let thy name be great among the Gentiles;*b* and let the offering up of the Gentiles be acceptable, being sanctified by the Holy Ghost.*c*

O let the earth be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.*d*

3. *For the conversion of the Jews.*

Let the branches which are broken off not abide still in unbelief, but be grafted in again into their own olive tree. And though blindness is in part happened to Israel, yet let the fullness of the Gentiles come in, and let all Israel be saved.*e*

Let them be made to look upon him whom they have pierced,*g* and that they turn to the Lord, let the veil which is upon their hearts be taken away.*h*

4. *For the eastern churches that are groaning under the yoke of Mahometan tyranny.*

Let the churches of Asia, that were golden candlesticks,*i* which the Lord Jesus delighted to walk in the midst of, be again made so.*k*

Restore unto them their liberties as at first, and their privileges as at the beginning; purely purge away their dross, and take away all their sin,*l* and turn again their captivity, as streams in the south.*m*

5. *For the churches in the plantations.*

Be thou the confidence of all the ends of the earth, and of those that are afar off beyond the sea;*n* and let them have the blessing which came upon the head of Joseph, and upon the crown of the head of him that was separated from his brethren, even to the utmost bound of the everlasting hills.*o*

Create peace to those that are afar off, as well as to those that are nigh.*p*

a Isa. 60. 7, 2. *b* Mal. 1, 11. *c* Rom. 15. 16.
d Isa. 11. 9. *e* Rom. 11. 23, 24, 25. 26. *g* Zech. 12. 10.
h 2 Cor. 3. 16. *i* Rev. 1. 11, 12. *k* Rev. 2. 1.
l Isa. 1. 25, 26. *m* Psal. 126. 4. *n* Psalm 65. 5.
o Gen. 49. 26. *p* Isa. 57. 19.

And let those that suck of the abundance of the seas, and of treasures hid in the sand, call the people to the mountain, that they may offer sacrifices of righteousness.[a]

6. *For the universal church, wherever dispersed, and for all the interests of it.*

Our hearts' desire and prayer to God for the gospel-Israel, is, that it may be saved.[b]

Do good, in thy good pleasure, unto Zion, build the walls of Jerusalem.[c] Peace be within her walls, and prosperity within her palaces: for our brethren and companions' sake, we will now say peace be within her.[d]

O that we may see the good of the gospel-Jerusalem all the days of our life, and peace upon Israel;[e] and that thus we may have reason to answer the messengers of the nations, that the Lord hath founded Zion, and the poor of his people shall trust to that.[g]

Save thy people, O Lord, and bless thine heritage: Feed them also, and lift them up for ever.[h] Give strength unto thy people, and bless thy people with peace;[i] with thy favour do thou compass them as with a shield.[k]

Grace be with all them that love the Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity;[l] for thou knowest them that are thine: and give to all that name the name of Christ to depart from iniquity.[m]

We pray for all that believe in Christ, that they all may be one;[n] and since there is one body and one Spirit, and one hope of our calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God and Father of all,[o] give to all Christians to be of one heart and one way.[p]

Let the word of the Lord, in all places, have a free course, and let it be glorified.[q]

7. *For the conviction and conversion of atheists, deists, and infidels, and of all that are out of the way of truth, and of profane scoffers, and those that disgrace Christianity by their vicious and immoral lives.*

a Deut. 33. 19. *b* Rom. 10. 1. *c* Psalm 51. 18.
d Psalm 122. 7, 8. *e* Psalm 128. 5, 6. *g* Isa. 14. 32.
h Ps. 28. 9. *i* Ps. 29. 11. *k* Psalm 5. 12.
l Eph. 6. 24. *m* 2 Tim. 2. 19. *n* John 17. 20, 21.
o Eph. 4. 4. 5, 6. *p* Jer. 32. 39. *q* 2 Thess. 4. 1.

O teach transgressors thy ways, and let sinners be converted unto thee.*a*

O give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth, the truth as it is in Jesus,*b* the truth which is according to godliness,*c* that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil.*d*

Let those that are as sheep going astray, return to Jesus Christ, the shepherd and bishop of our souls.*e*

Show those fools their folly and misery, that have said in their hearts, there is no God, and that are corrupt, and have done abominable work.*g*

Lord, maintain the honor of the scripture, the law and the testimony, and convince those who speak not according to that word,*h* that it is because there is no light in them: magnify that word above all thy name;*i* magnify the law, magnify the gospel, and make both honorable.*k*

Let those that will not be won by the word, be won by the conversation of Christians, which we beg may be such in every thing, that they who believe not, may be convinced of all,*l* and judged of all, may be brought to worship God, and to report that God is with them of truth.*m*

8. *For the amending of every thing that is amiss in the church, the reviving of primitive Christianity, and the power of godliness, and in order thereunto, the pouring out of the Spirit.*

Lord, let thy Spirit be poured out upon thy churches from on high, and then the wilderness shall become a fruitful field,*n* then judgment shall return unto righteousness, and all the upright in heart shall follow it.*o*

Let what is wanting be set in order,*p* and let every plant that is not of our heavenly Father's planting be plucked up.*q*

Let the Lord whom we seek come to his temple like a refiner's fire, and fuller's soap, and let him purify the sons of Levi, and of the seed of Israel, and purge them

a Psalm 51. 13. *b* 2 Tim. 2. 25, 26. *c* Eph. 4. 21.
d Tit. 1. 1. *e* 1 Pet. 2 25. *g* Psalm 14. 1.
h Isa. 8. 20. *i* Psalm 138. 2. *k* Isa. 42. 21.
l 1 Pet. 3. 1. *m* 1 Cor. 14 24, 25. *n* Isa. 32. 15.
o Psalm 94. 15. *p* Tit. 1. 5. *q* Matt. 15. 3.

as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the Lord an offering unto righteousness, pleasant to the Lord, as in the days of old, as in former years.*a*

Let pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father, flourish and prevail every where,*b* that kingdom of God among men, which is not meat and drink, but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.*c* O revive this work in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make known,*d* and let our times be times of reformation.*e*

9. *For the breaking of the power of all the enemies of the church, and the defeating of all their designs against her.*

Let all that set themselves and take counsel together against the Lord, and against his anointed, that would break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from them, imagine a vain thing. Let him that sits in heaven laugh at them, and have them in derision;*g* speak unto them in thy wrath, and vex them in thy sore displeasure. Give them, O Lord, what thou wilt give them; give them a miscarrying womb, and dry breasts.*h*

O our God, make them like a wheel and as stubble before the wind: fill their faces with shame, that they may seek thy name, O Lord, and that men may know thou whose name is JEHOVAH, art the most high over all the earth.*i*

Put them in fear, O Lord, that the nations may know themselves to be but men, and wherein the proud enemies of thy church deal proudly;*k* make it to appear that thou art above them.*l*

Let them be confounded and turned back that hate Zion, and be as the grass upon the house-tops, which withereth before it grow up.*m*

Let no weapon formed against thy church prosper, and let every tongue that riseth against it in judgment be condemned.*n*

Make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people, and let all that burden themselves with it be cut in

a Mal. iii. 3, 4. *b* James i. 27. *c* Rom. xiv. 17.
d Hab. iii. 7. *e* Heb. ix. 10. *g* Ps. ii. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.
h Hos. ix. 14. *i* Psal. lxxxiii. 13, 16, 18. *k* Psalm ix. 20.
l Exod. xviii. 11 *m* Psalm cxxix. 5, 6. *n* Isa. liv. 17.

pieces, though all the people of the earth should be gathered together against it;*a* so let all thy enemies perish, O Lord, but let them that love thee be as the sun when he goes forth in his strength.*b*

Lord, let the man of sin be consumed with the Spirit of thy mouth, and destroyed with the brightness of thy coming: and let those be undeceived that have been long under the power of strong delusions to believe a lie, and let them receive the truth in the love of it.*c*

Let Babylon fall, and sink like a millstone into the sea,*d* and let the kings of the earth,*e* that have given their power and honor to the beast, be wrought upon at length to bring it into the new Jerusalem.*g*

10. *For the relief of suffering churches, and the support, comfort, and deliverance of all that are persecuted for righteousness' sake.*

We desire in our prayers to remember them that are in bonds for the testimony of Jesus, as bound with them, and them which suffer adversity, as being ourselves also in the body.*h* O send from above, and deliver them from those that hate them, and bring them forth into a large place.*i*

O let not the rod of the wicked rest upon the lot of the righteous, lest the righteous should put forth their hands unto iniquity.*k*

Awake, awake, put on strength, O arm of the Lord: awake, as in the ancient days, as in the generations of old, and make the depths of the sea a way for the ransomed of the Lord to pass over.*l*

For the oppression of the poor, and the sighing of the needy, now do thou arise, O Lord, and set them in safety from them that puff at them.*m*

O strengthen the patience and faith of thy suffering saints,*n* that they may hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the Lord.*o*

O let the year of thy redeemed come,*p* and the year of recompences for the controversy of Zion.*q*

a Zech. xii. 3. *b* Judg. v. 31. *c* 2 Thes. ii. 2, 3, 8, 10, 11. *d* Rev. xviii. 2, 21. *e* Rev. xvii. 17. *g* Rev. xxi. 24. *h* Heb. xiii. 3. *i* Ps. xviii. 16. 17. 19. *k* Psalm cxxv. 5. *l* Isa. li. 9. 10. *m* Psalm xii. 5. *n* Rev. xiii. 10. *o* Lam. iii. 26. *p* Isa. lxiii. 4. *q* Isa. xxxviii. 8.

O that the salvation of Israel were come out of Zion: and when the Lord bringeth back the captivity of his people, Jacob shall rejoice and Israel shall be glad.*a*

O let not the oppressed return ashamed, but let the poor and needy praise thy name.*b*

Lord arise, and have mercy upon Zion, and let the time to favour her, yea, the set time come; yea, let the Lord build up Zion, and appear in his glory. Lord, regard the prayer of the destitute, and do not despise their prayer.*c*

O Lord God, cease, we beseech thee; by whom shall Jacob arise, for he is small?*d* O cause thy face to shine upon that part of thy sanctuary that is desolate for the Lord's sake.*e*

Let the sorrowful sighing of the prisoners come before thee, and according to the greatness of thy power preserve thou those that for thy name's sake are appointed to die.*g*

Let those whose teachers are removed into corners, again see their teachers, though they have the bread of adversity, and the water of affliction.*h*

11. *For the nations of Europe and the countries about us.*

Thou, Lord, art the governor among the nations;*i* who shall not fear thee, O King of nations? Thou sittest in the throne judging right;*k* judge the world therefore in righteousness, and minister judgment to the people in uprightness.*l*

Lord hasten the time when thou wilt make wars to cease to the ends of the earth,*m* when nation shall no more lift up sword against nation, nor kingdom against kingdom, but swords shall be beaten into plough-shares, and spears into pruning-hooks, and they shall not learn war any more.*n*

Make kings nursing fathers, and their queens nursing mothers to the Israel of God.*o*

And in the days of these kings let the God of heaven

a Psalm 14. 7. *b* Psalm 74. 21. *c* Psalm 102. 13, 16, 17.
d Amos 7. 5. *e* Dan. 9. 17. *g* Psalm 79. 12.
h Isa. 30. 20. *i* Psalm 22. 28. *k* Jer. 10. 7.
l Psalm 9. 4. 8. *m* Psalm 44. 9. *n* Isa. 2. 4.
o Isa. 49. 23.

set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed, even the kingdom of the Redeemer.*a* And whatever counsels there are in men's hearts, Lord let thy counsel stand,*b* and do thou fulfil the thoughts of thy heart unto all generations.*c*

12. *For our own land and nation, the happy islands of Great Britain and Ireland, which we ought in a special manner to seek the welfare of, that in the peace thereof we may have peace.*

1. *We must be thankful to God for his mercies to our land.*

We bless thee that thou hast planted us in a very fruitful hill,*d* and hast not made the wilderness our habitation,*e* or the barren land our dwelling, but our land yields her increase.*g*

Lord, thou hast dealt favourably with our land;*h* we have heard with our ears, and our fathers have told us, what work thou didst for us in their days, and in the times of old;*i* and as we have heard, so have we seen; for we have thought of thy loving kindness, O God, in the midst of thy temple.*k*

Thou hast given us a pleasant land,*l* 'tis Immanuel's land,*m* 'tis a valley of vision, thou hast set up thy tabernacle among us,*n* and thy sanctuary is in the midst of us.*o*

We dwell safely under our own vines and fig-trees,*p* and there is peace to him that goeth out, and to him that comes in.*q*

And because the Lord loved our people, therefore he hath set a good government over us, to do judgment and justice;*r* to be a terror to evil doers, and a protection and praise of them that do well.*s*

2. *We must be humbled before God for our national sins and provocations.*

But we are a sinful people, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evil doers:*t* and a great deal of reason

a Dan. 2. 44. *b* Prov. 19. 21. *c* Psalm 33. 11.
d Isa. 5. 1. *e* Job 39. 6. *g* Psalm 85. 12.
h Psalm 85. 1. *i* Psalm 44. 1. *k* Psalm 48. 8, 9.
l Jer. 3. 19. *m* Isa. 8. 8. *n* Isa. 22. 1.
o Ezek. 37. 26, 27. *p* 1 Kings 4. 25. *q* 2 Chron. 15. 5.
r 1 Kings 10. 9. *s* Rom. 13. 3. *t* Isa. 1. 4.

ye have to sigh and cry for the abominations that are committed among us.*a*

Iniquity abounds among us, and the love of many is waxen cold.*b*

We have not been forsaken, nor forgotten of our God, though our land be full of sin against the Holy One of Israel.*c*

3. *We must pray earnestly for national mercies.*

1. *For the favours of God to us, and the tokens of his presence among us, as that in which the happiness of our nation is bound up.*

O the hope of Israel, the Saviour thereof in time of trouble: be not thou a stranger in our land, or a wayfaring man that turns aside to tarry but for a night; but be thou always in the midst of us; we are called by thy name, O leave us not: though our iniquities testify against us, yet do thou not for thy name's sake; tho' our backslidings are many, and we have sinned against thee.*d*

Turn us to thee, O Lord God of hosts, and then cause thy face to shine, and we shall be saved. O stir up thy strength, and come and save us.*e*

Show us thy mercy, O Lord, and grant us thy salvation, yea, let that salvation be nigh them that fear thee, that glory may dwell in our land. Let mercy and truth meet together, righteousness and peace kiss each other: Let truth spring out of the earth, and righteousness look down from heaven; yea, let the Lord give that which is good: let righteousness go before him, and set us in the way of his steps.*g*

2. *For the continuance of the gospel among us, and the means of grace, and a national profession of Christ's holy religion.*

O let the throne of Christ endure for ever among us,*h* even the place of thy sanctuary, that glorious high throne from the beginning.*i*

Let our candlestick never be removed out of his place, though we have deserved it should, because we have left our first love.*k* Never do to us as thou didst to thy

a Ezek. 9. 4. *b* Matt. 24. 12. *c* Jer. 51. 5.
d Jer. 14. 7, 8, 9. *e* Psalm 80. 2, 3. *g* Ps. 85. 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13.
h Psalm 45. 6. *i* Jer. 17. 12. *k* Rev. 2. 4, 5.

place which was in Shiloh, where thou didst set thy name at the first.*a*

Let us never know what a famine of the word means; nor ever be put to wander from sea to sea, and from the river to the ends of the earth, to seek the word of God.*b*

Let wisdom and knowledge be the stability of our times, and strength of salvation, and let the fear of the Lord be our treasure:*c* let the righteous flourish among us, and let there be those that shall fear thee in our land,*d* as long as the sun and moon endure, throughout all generations, that there may be abundance of peace, and the children which shall be created may praise the Lord.*e*

3. *For the continuance of our outward peace and tranquility, our liberty and plenty, for the prosperity of our trade, and blessing upon the fruits of the earth.*

Let God himself be a wall of fire round about us, and the glory in the midst of us,*g* yea, let his gospel be our glory, and upon all that glory let there be a defence; and create upon every dwelling place of Mount Zion, and upon her assemblies, a cloud and smoke by day, and the shining of a flaming fire by night.*h*

Peace be within our borders, and prosperity within our palaces, the prosperity both of merchandise and husbandry,*i* that Zebulun may rejoice in his going out, and Issachar in his tents.*k*

Appoint salvation to us for walls and bulwarks, and in order to that let the gates be opened, that the righteous nation which keepeth the truth may enter in.*l*

Make our officers peace, and our exactors righteousness; let violence never be heard in our gates, wasting or destruction in our borders, but let our walls be called Salvation, and our gates Praise:*m* Never let our land be termed forsaken and desolate, but let the Lord delight in us, and let our land be married to him.*n*

Let our peace be as a river, and in order to that, our righteousness as the waves of the sea:*o* let that righteous-

a Jer. 7. 12. 14. *b* Amos 8. 11. 12. *c* Isa. 33. 6. *d* Psalm 72. 5. 7. *e* Psalm 102. 18. *g* Zech. 2. 5. *h* Isa. 4. 5. *i* Psalm 122. 7. *k* Deut. 33. 18. *l* Isa. 27. 1. 2. *m* Isa. 60. 17, 18. *n* Isa. 62. 4. *o* Isa. 48. 18.

ness abound among us, which exalteth a nation; and deliver us from sin, which is a reproach to any people.*a*

Never make our heavens as brass, and our earth as iron,*b* nor take away thy corn in the season thereof, and thy wine in the season thereof, but give us rain moderately,*c* the former and the latter rain in due season,*d* and reserve unto us the appointed weeks of the harvest, giving us fair weather also in its season.*e* Let our land yield her increase, and the trees their fruit, that we may eat bread and be full, and dwell in our land safely.*g*

Abundantly bless our provision, and satisfy our poor with bread,*h* that they which have gathered it may eat and praise the Lord.*i* Blow not thou upon it, for then when we look for much it will come to little,*k* but bless our blessings, that all nations may call us blessed, and a delightsome land.*l*

4. *For the success of all endeavours for the reformation of manners, the suppression of vice and profaneness, and support of religion and virtue, and the bringing of them into reputation.*

O let the wickedness of the wicked come to an end, but establish thou the just, O thou righteous God that triest the hearts and reins.*m* Spirit many to rise up for thee against the evil doers, and to stand up for thee against the workers of iniquity.*n*

Let the Redeemer come to Zion, and turn away ungodliness from Jacob;*o* and let the filth of Jerusalem be purged from the midst thereof, by the spirit of judgment, and the spirit of burning.*p*

Let all iniquity stop her mouth,*q* and let the infection of that plague be stayed, by executing judgment.*r*

Let those that are striving against sin, never be weary or faint in their minds.*s*

Cause the unclean spirit to pass out of the land, and turn to the people a pure language,*t* that they may call on the name of the Lord.*v*

a Prov. 14. 34. *b* Deut. 28. 23. *c* Hos. 2. 9.
d Joel 2. 23. *e* Jer. 5. 24. *g* Lev. 16. 4, 5.
h Psalm 132. 15. *i* Isa. 62. 9. *k* Hag. 2. 9.
l Mal. 3. 10, 12. *m* Psalm 7. 9. *n* Psalm 94. 16.
o Rom. 11. 26. *p* Isa. 4. 4. *q* Psalm 107. 42.
r Psalm 106. 30. *s* Heb. 12. 3, 4. *t* Zech. 13. 2.
v Zeph. 3. 9.

Make us high above all nations in praise, and in name, and in honor, by making us a holy people unto the Lord our God.*a*

5. *For the healing of our unhappy divisions, and the making up of our breaches.*

For the divisions that are among us there are great searchings of heart;*b* for there are three against two, and two against three in a house.*c* But is the breach wide as the sea which cannot be healed?*d* Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then is not the health of the daughter of our people recovered?*e* Lord heal the breaches of our land, for because of them it shaketh.*g*

We beg in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ that there may be no divisions among us, but that we may be perfectly joined together in the same mind, and in the same judgment.*h*

Now the God of patience and consolation grant us to be like-minded one towards another, according to Christ Jesus, that we may with one mind and one mouth glorify God,*i* even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, and promote the common salvation.*k*

Lord, keep us from judging one another, and despising one another, and give us to follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another;*l* that living in love and peace, the God of love and peace may be with us.*m*

Let nothing be done through strife or vain glory, but every thing in lowliness of mind,*n* and grant that our moderation may be known unto all men, because the Lord is at hand.*o*

6. *For victory and success against our enemies abroad that seek our ruin.*

Rise, Lord, and let thine enemies be scattered, and let those that hate thee flee before thee, but return, O Lord to the many thousands of thine Israel.*p*

Give us help from trouble, for vain is the help of man;

a Deut. 26. 19. *b* Judges 5. 16. *c* Luke 12. 32.
d Lam. 1. 13. *e* Jer. 8. 22. *g* Psalm 60. 2.
h 1 Cor. 1. 10. *i* Rom. 15. 5, 6. *k* Jude 2.
l Rom. 14. 3, 19. *m* 2 Cor. 13. 11. *n* Phil. 2. 3.
o Phil. 4. 5. *p* Numb. 10. 35, 36.

through God let our forces do valiantly;a yea, let God himself tread down our enemies; and give them as dust to our sword, and as driven stubble to our bow.b

Let us be a people saved by the Lord, as the shield of our help, and the sword of our excellency;c and make our enemies sensible that the Lord fighteth for us against them.d

Those who jeopard their lives for us in the high places of the field, teach their hands to war,e and their fingers to fight, give them the shield of thy salvation,g and let thy right hand hold them up, and cover their heads in the day of battle.h

7. *For all orders and decrees of men among us, and all we stand in any relation to.*

(1.) *For our sovereign Lord the king, that God will protect his person, preserve his health, and continue his life and government long a public blessing.*

Give the king thy judgments, O God, and thy righteousness, that he may judge the poor of the people, may save the children of the needy, and may break in pieces the oppressor.i

Let his throne be established with righteousness, and upheld with mercy;k give him long life and length of days for ever and ever, and let his glory be great in thy salvation,l and make him exceeding glad with thy countenance: through the tender mercy of the Most High let him not be moved.m

Clothe his enemies with shame, but upon himself let the crown flourish,n and continue him long, very long, a nursing father to thine Israel.o

(2.) *For the succession in the Protestant line, that a blessing may attend it, that the entail of the crown may prove a successful expedient for the establishing of peace and truth in our days, the securing of them to posterity, and the extinguishing the hopes of our popish adversaries, and all their aiders and abettors.*

Lord, preserve to us the lamp which thou hast or-

a Psalm 60. 11, 12. b Isa. 41. 2 c Deut. 33. 29
d Exod. xiv. 25. e Judges 5. 18. g Psalm 18. 34, 35,
h Psalm 140. 7. i Psalm 72. 1. 4. k Prov. 20. 28.
l Prov. 25. 5. m Psalm 12. 4, 5, 6, 7. n Psalm 132. 18.
o Isa. 49. 23.

dained for thine anointed, that the generation to come may know thee,*a* even the children which shall be born, that they may set their hope in God, and keep his commandments.*b*

Let the Protestant succession abide before God for ever: O prepare mercy and truth which may preserve it, so we will sing praise unto thy name for ever.*c* Thus let the Lord save Zion, and build the cities of Judah, and the seed of thy servants shall inherit it, and they that love thy name shall dwell therein.*d*

Let their design who would make a captain to return into Egypt,*e* be again defeated, and let not the deadly wound that hath been given to the beast be healed any more.*g*

Let our eyes see Jerusalem, the city of our solemnities, a quiet habitation, a tabernacle that shall not be taken down: let none of the stakes thereof be removed, nor any of the cords thereof be broken, but let the glorious Lord be to us a place of broad waters and streams; for the Lord is our judge, the Lord is our law-giver, the Lord is our king, he will save us.*h*

(3.) *For the privy counsellors, the ministers of state, the members of parliament, the ambassadors and envoys abroad, and all that are employed in the conduct of public affairs.*

Counsel our counsellors, and teach our senators wisdom:*i* O give them a spirit of wisdom and understanding, a spirit of counsel and might, a spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, to make them of quick understanding in the fear of the Lord.*k*

O remove not the speech of the trusty, nor take away the understanding of the aged,*l* nor ever let the things that belong to the nation's peace be hid from the eyes of those that are instructed with the nation's counsels.*m*

Make it to appear that thou standest in the congregation of the mighty, and judgeth among the Gods,*n* and that when the princes of the people are gathered together, even the people of the God of Abraham, the

a Psalm 132. 17. *b* Psalm 78. 6, 7. *c* Psalm 61. 7, 8.
d Psalm 69. 35, 36. *e* Numb. 14. 4. *g* Rev. 13. 11.
h Isa. 33. 20, 21, 22. *i* Psalm 105. 22. *k* Isa. 11. 23.
l Job 12. 20. *m* Luke 19. 42. *n* Psalm 82. 1.

God of Abraham himself is among them; and let the shields of the earth belong unto the Lord, that he may be greatly exalted.*a*

Let those that be of us build the old waste places, and raise up the foundations of many generations, that they may be called the repairers of the breaches, and restorers of paths to dwell in.*b*

(4.) *For the magistrates, the judges, and justices of peace in the several counties and corporations.*

Make those that rule over us just, ruling in the fear of God;*c* and let those that judge remember that they judge not for man, but for the Lord, who is with them in the judgment, that therefore the fear of the Lord may be upon them.*d*

Make them able men, and men of truth, fearing God, and hating covetousness,*e* that judgment may run down like a river, and righteousness as a mighty stream.*g*

Enable our magistrates to defend the poor and fatherless,*h* to do justice for the afflicted and needy, to deliver the poor and needy, and to rid them out of the hand of the wicked,*i* and let rulers never be a terror to good works, but to the evil.*k*

(5.) *For all the ministers of God's holy word and sacraments, the masters of assemblies.*

Teach thy ministers how they ought to behave themselves in the house of God, which is the church of the living God,*l* that they may not preach themselves,*m* but Christ Jesus the Lord, and may study to show themselves approved to God, workmen that need not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.*n*

Make them mighty in the scriptures,*o* that from thence they may be thoroughly furnished for every good work,*p* in doctrine showing uncorruptness, gravity, and sincerity, and sound speech, which cannot be condemned.*q*

Enable them to give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine, to meditate upon these things, to

a Psalm 47. 9. *b* Isa. 58. 12. *c* 2 Sam. 23. 3.
d 2 Chron. 19. 6, 7. *e* Exod. 18. 21. *g* Amos 5. 24.
h Psalm 82. 3, 4. *i* Rom. 13. 4. *k* 1 Pet. 2. 14.
l 1 Tim. 3. 17. *m* 2 Cor. 4. 5. *n* 2 Tim. 2. 15.
o Acts 18. 24. *p* 2 Tim. 3, 15. *q* Tit. 2, 7.

give themselves to prayer, and to the ministry of the word,*a* to give themselves wholly to them; and to continue in them, that they may both save themselves and those that hear them.*b*

Let utterance be given to them, that they may open their mouths boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel, that thereof they may speak as they ought to speak,*c* as able ministers of the New Testament, not of the letter, but of the spirit,*d* and let them obtain mercy of the Lord to be faithful.*e*

Let the arms of their hands be made strong by the hands of the mighty God of Jacob;*g* and let them be full of power by the Spirit of the Lord of hosts,*h* to show thy people their transgressions, and the house of Jacob their sins.*i*

Make them sound in the faith, and enable them always to speak the things which become sound doctrine,*k* with meekness instructing those that oppose themselves;*l* and let not the servants of the Lord strive, but be gentle to all men apt to teach.*m*

Make them good examples to the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, and in purity,*n* and let them be clean that bear the vessels of the Lord,*o* and let Holiness to the Lord be written upon their foreheads.*p*

Lord, grant that they may not labour in vain, or spend their strength for nought, and in vain,*q* but let the hand of the Lord be with them, that many may believe, and turn to the Lord.*r*

(6.) *For all the universities, schools, and nurseries of learning.*

Let the schools of the prophets be replenished with every good gift and every perfect gift from above, from the father of lights.*s*

Cast salt into those fountains, and heat the waters thereof, that from thence may issue streams,*t* which shall

a 1 Tim. 4. 13, 15, 16. *b* Acts 6. 4. *c* Eph. 6. 19, 20. *d* 2 Cor. 3. 6. *e* 1 Cor. 7. 21. *g* Gen. 49. 24. *h* Micah 3. 8. *i* Isa. 58. 1. *k* Tit. 1. 13. *l* Tit. 2. 1. *m* 2 Tim. 2. 24, 25. *n* 1 Tim. 4. 12. *o* Isa. 52. 11. *p* Exod. 28. 36. *q* Isa. 49. 4. *r* Acts 11. 21. *s* James 1. 17. *t* 2 Kings 2. 21.

make glad the city of our God, the holy place of the tabernacles of the most high.*a*

(7.) *For the common people of the land.*

Give grace to all the subjects of this land, that they may, under the government God hath set over us, live quiet and peaceable lives, in all godliness and honesty, dwelling together in unity, that the Lord may command a blessing upon us, even life for evermore.*b*

Let all of every denomination that fear God and work righteousness, be accepted of him;*c* yea let such as love thy salvation say continually, The Lord be magnified, that hath pleasure in the prosperity of his servants.*d*

(8.) *For the several ages and conditions of men, as they stand in need of mercy and grace.*

1. *For those that are young and setting out in the world.*

Lord, give to those that are young to remember their Creator in the days of their youth, that thereby they may be kept from the vanity which childhood and youth are subject to, and may be restrained from walking in the way of their heart, and in the sight of their eyes, by considering, that for all these things God will bring them into judgment.*e*

Lord, make young people sober-minded,*g* and let the word of God abide in them, that they may be strong, and may overcome the wicked one.*h*

From the womb of the morning let Christ have the dew of thy youth,*i* and let him be formed in the hearts of those that are young.*k*

Keep those that are setting out in the world from the corruption that is in the world through lust;*l* and give to those that have been well educated, to hold fast the form of sound words, and to continue in the things which they have learned.*m*

2. *For those that are old and of long standing in profession.*

There are some that are disciples of Jesus Christ,*n*

a Psalm 46. 4. *b* 1 Tim. 2. 2. *c* Acts 10, 35.
d Psalm 35. 27. *e* Eccl. 1. 9, 10. *g* Tit. 2. 6.
h 1 John 2. 14. *i* Psalm 110. 3. *k* Gal. 4. 19.
l 2 Pet. 1. 4. *m* 2 Tim. 1, 13. *n* Acts 21. 61.

Lord give them still to bring forth fruit in old age; to show that the Lord is upright, that he is their rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.*a* Now the evil days are come, and the years of which they say there is no pleasure in them,*b* let thy comforts delight their souls.*c*

Even to their old age be thou he, and to the hoary hairs do thou carry them thou hast made; we beseech thee bear, yea, do thou carry and deliver them.*d*

Those whom thou hast taught from their youth up, and have hitherto declared all thy wondrous work, now also when they are old and gray-headed, leave them not, cast them not off in their old age, fail them not when their strength fails.*e*

Let every hoary head be a crown of glory to those that have it, being found in the way of righteousness,*g* and give them to know whom they have believed.*h*

3. *For those that are rich and prosperous in the world; some of whom perhaps need prayers as much as those that request them.*

Lord, keep those that are rich in the world from being high minded, and trusting in uncertain riches, and give them to trust in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy: that they may do good, and be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate, that they may lay up in store for themselves a good security for the time to come.*i*

Though it is hard for those that are rich to enter into the kingdom of heaven, yet with thee this is possible.*k*

4. *For those that are poor and in affliction, for such we have always with us.*

Lord, make those that are poor in the world rich in faith,*l* and heirs of the kingdom, and give to them to receive the gospel.*m*

O that the poor of the flock may wait upon thee, and may know the word of the Lord.*n*

Many are the troubles of the righteous, good Lord

a Psalm 92. 14, 15. *b* Eccl. 12. 1. *c* Psalm 94. 19. *d* Isa. 46. 4. *e* Psalm 71. 6, 17. 18. *g* Prov. 16 31. *h* 2 Tim. 1. 12. *i* 1 Tim. 6. 17, 19. *k* Matt. 19. 26. *l* Matt. 11, 5. *m* James 2. 5. *n* Zech. 11. 11.

deliver them out of them all;*a* and tho' no affliction for the present seems to be joyous, but grievous, nevertheless, afterward let it yield the peaceable fruit of righteousness to them that are exercised thereby.*b*

5. *For our enemies, and those that hate us.*

Lord give us to love our enemies, to bless them that curse us, and to pray for them that despitefully use us, and persecute us.*c*

Father, forgive them for they know not what they do;*d* and lay not their malice against us to their charge,*e* and work in us a disposition to forbear and forgive in love,*g* as thou requirest we should, when we pray.*h*

And grant that our ways may so please the Lord, that even our enemies may be at peace with us.*i*

Let the wolf and the lamb lie down together, and let there be none to hurt and destroy in all thy holy mountain: let not Ephraim envy Judah, nor Judah vex Ephraim.*k*

6. *For our friends and those that love us.*

And we wish for all those whom we love in truth, that they may prosper, and be in health, especially that their souls may prosper.*l*

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with their spirits.*m*

CHAP. VI.

Of Addresses to God upon particular occasions, whether Domestic or Public.

IT is made our duty, and prescribed as a remedy against disquieting care, that in every thing, by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving,*n* we should make our requests known to God.*o* And it is part of the

a Psalm 34. 19. *b* Heb. 12. 11. *c* Matt. 5. 44.
d Luke 23. 34. *e* Acts 7. 6. *g* Col. 3. 13.
h Mark 11. 25. *i* Prov. 16. 7. *k* Isa. 11. 6, 9, 13.
l 3 John 2. *m* Philem. 25. *n* Philip 4. 6.
o Heb. 10. 19.

Parrhesia, the boldness, the liberty of speech; (so the word signifies) which is allowed us in our access to God, that we may be particular in opening our case, and seeking to him for relief; that, according as the sore and the grief is, accordingly the prayer and the supplication may be by any man, or by the people of Israel.*a* Not that God needs to be particularly informed of our condition; the knows it better than we ourselves do, and our souls too in our adversity; but it is his will that we should thus acknowledge him in all our ways,*b* and wait upon him for the direction of every step,*c* not prescribing, but subscribing to infinite wisdom, humbly showing him our wants, burdens, and desires, and then referring ourselves to him, to do for us as he thinks fit.

We shall instance some of the occasions of particular address to God, more or less usual, which may be either the principal matter of a whole prayer, or inserted in our other prayers, and in some cases that are more peculiar to ministers, or others in common to them with masters of families and private Christians. As there may be something particular.

1. *In our morning prayers.*

Our voice shalt thou hear in the morning, in the morning will we direct our prayer unto thee, and will look up; for our souls wait for thee,*d* O Lord, more than they that watch for the morning,*e* yea, more than they that watch for the morning; and we will sing aloud of thy mercy in the morning; for thou hast been our defence.*g*

It is thou, O God, that hast commanded the morning, and caused the day-spring to know its place, that it might take hold of the ends of the earth, and it is turned as clay to the seal.*h*

The day is thine, the night also is thine, thou hast prepared the light and the sun.*i*

With the light of the morning, let the day-spring from on high visit us, to give us the knowledge of salvation, through the tender mercies of our God;*k* and let the Sun of righteousness arise upon our souls with healing

a 2 Chron. 6. 29. *b* Prov. 3. 6. *c* Psalm 37. 25.
d Psalm 5. 3. *e* Psalm 130. 6. *g* Psalm 59. 16.
h Job 38. 12, 13, 14. *i* Psalm 74. 16. *k* Luke 1. 77, 78.

under his wings;*a* and our path be as the shining light, which shines more and more to the perfect day.*b*

It is of thy mercy, O Lord, that we are not consumed, even because thy compassions fail not, they are new every morning, great is thy faithfulness;*c* and if weeping sometimes endures for a night, joy comes in the morning.*d*

We thank thee that we have laid us down;*e* have had where to lay our head,*g* and have not been wandering in deserts and mountains, in dens and caves of the earth:*h* And that we have slept, and have not been full of tossings to and fro till the dawning of the day, that wearisome nights are not appointed to us, and we are not saying at our lying down, when shall we arise, and the night be gone? But our bed comforts us, and our couch eases our complaints;*i* Thou givest us sleep as thou givest it to thy beloved. And that having laid us down and slept, we have waked again:*k* thou hast lightened our eyes, so that we have not slept the sleep of death.*l*

Thou hast preserved us from the pestilence that walketh in darkness,*m* and from the malice of the rulers of the darkness of this world,*n* the roaring lion that goes about seeking to devour:*o* he that keeps Israel, and neither slumbers nor sleeps, has kept us, and so we have been safe.*p*

But we cannot say with thy servant David, that when we awake we are still with thee,*q* or that our eyes have prevented the night watches, that we might meditate on thy word;*r* but vain thoughts still lodge within us.*s* O pardon our sins, and cause us to hear thy loving-kindness this morning, for in thee do we trust; cause us to know the way wherein we should walk, for we lift up our souls unto thee: teach us to do thy will, for thou art our God, thy Spirit is good, lead us into the way and land of uprightness.*t*

a Mal. 4. 2. *b* Prov. 4. 18. *c* Lam. 3. 22, 23. *d* Psalm 30. 5. *e* Psalm 3. 5. *g* Mark 8 20. *h* Heb. 11. 38. *i* Job 7. 3. 4, 13. *k* Psalm 127. 2. *l* Psalm 13. 3. *m* Psalm 91. 6. *n* Eph. 6. 12. *o* 1 Pet. 5. 8. *p* Psalm 121. 4. *q* Psalm 139. 18. *r* Psalm 119. 143. *s* Jer. 4. 14. *t* Psalm 143. 8. 10.

And now let the Lord preserve and keep us from all evil this day, yea, let the Lord preserve our souls; Lord, preserve our going out and coming in: *a* Give thine angels charge concerning us, to bear us up in their hands, and keep us in all our ways. *b* And give us grace to do the work of the day in its day, as the duty of the day requires. *c*

2. *In our evening prayers.*

Thou, O God, makest the out-goings of the evening, as well as of the morning, to rejoice; *d* for thereby thou callest us from our work and our labour, and biddest us rest awhile. *e* And now let our souls return to thee, *g* and repose in thee as our rest, because thou hast dealt bountifully with us; *h* so shall our sleep be sweet to us. *i*

Blessed be the Lord, who daily loads us with his benefits, who hath this day preserved our going out and coming in: *k* and now we have received from thee our daily bread, we pray, Father, forgive us our trespasses. *l*

And we will lay us down and sleep; for thou, Lord, makest us to dwell in safety: *m* make a hedge of protection (we pray thee) about us, and about our house, and about all that we have round about. *n* Let the angels of God encamp round about us, to deliver us; *o* that we may lie down, and none may make us afraid. *p*

Into thy hands we commit our spirits; *q* that in slumberings upon the bed, *r* our ears may be opened and instruction sealed; *s* and let the Lord give us counsel, and let our reins instruct us in the night season: *t* visit us in the night, and try us, and enable us to commune with our own hearts upon our beds. *v*

Give us to remember thee upon our bed, and to meditate upon thee in the night watches, *w* with the saints that are joyful in glory, and that sing aloud upon their beds. *x*

3. *In craving a blessing before meat.*

a Psalm 121. 7, 8. *b* Psalm 92. 11, 12. *c* Ezra. 3, 4.
d Psalm 65. 8. *e* Psalm 104. 23. *g* Mark 6. 31.
h Psalm 116. 7. *i* Jer. 31. 26. *k* Ps. 68. 19. 121. 8.
l Matt. 6. 11, 12. *m* Psalm 4. 8. *n* Job 1. 10.
o Psalm 34. 7. *p* Job 11. 19. *q* Psalm 31. 5.
r Job 33. 15. *s* Psalm 16. 7. *t* Psalm 17. 3.
v Psalm 4. 4. *w* Psalm 63. 6. *x* Psalm 149. 5.

Thou, O Lord, givest food to all flesh, for thy mercy endures for ever.*a* The eyes of all things wait on thee;*b* but especially thou givest meat to them that fear thee, being ever mindful of thy covenant.*c*

Thou art our life, and the length of our days,*d* the God that hast fed us all our life long unto this day:*e* Thou givest us all things richly to enjoy, though we serve thee but poorly.*g* Thou hast not only given us every green herb, and the fruit of the trees, to be to us for meat,*h* but every moving thing that liveth, even as the green herb.*i*

And blessed be God, that now under the gospel we are taught to call nothing common or unclean,*k* and that it is not that which goes into the man, that defiles the man, but that every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused;*l* for God hath created it to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth.*m*

We acknowledge we are not worthy of the least crumb that falls from the table of thy providence:*n* Thou mightest justly take away from us the stay of bread and the stay of water,*o* and make us to eat our bread by weight, and to drink our water by measure, and with astonishment:*p* because when we have been fed to the full, we have forgotten God our Maker.*q* But let our sins be pardoned, we pray thee, that our table may not become a snare before us, nor that be made a trap, which should have been for our welfare.*r*

We know that every thing is sanctified by the word of God and prayer;*s* and that man lives not by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God,*t* and therefore, according to our master's example, we look up to heaven, and pray for a blessing upon our food;*v* abundantly bless our provision.*w*

Lord, grant that we may not feed ourselves without

a Psalm 136. 25. *b* Psalm 145. 15. *c* Psalm 111. 5. *d* Deut. 30. 20. *e* Gen. 48. 15. *g* 1 Tim. 6. 17. *h* Gen. 1. 29. *i* Gen. 9 3. *k* Acts 10. 15. *l* Matt. 15. 11. *m* 1 Tim. 4. 3, 4. *n* Matt. 15. 27. *o* Isa. 3. 1. *p* Ezek. 4. 16. *q* Deut. 32. 15. *r* Psalm 69. 22. *s* 1 Tim. 4. 5. *t* Matt. 4. 4. *v* Matt. 14. 19. *w* Psalm 132. 15.

fear,*a* that we may not make a god of our belly,*b* that our hearts may never be overcharged with surfeiting or drunkenness,*d* but that whether we eat or drink, or whatever we do, we may do all to the glory of God.*e*

4. *In returning thanks after our meat.*

Now we have eaten and are full, we bless thee for the good land thou hast given us.*g* Thou preparest a table for us in the presence of our enemies, thou anoinest our head, and our cup runs over.*h*

Thou, Lord, art the portion of our inheritance, and of our cup, thou maintainest our lot so that we have reason to say, the lines are fallen to us in pleasant places, and we have a goodly heritage.*i*

Especially we bless thee for the bread of life, which came down from heaven, which was given for the life of the world. Lord, evermore give us that bread, and wisdom to labour less for the meat which perisheth, and more for that which endures to everlasting life.*k*

The Lord give food to the hungry, and send portions to them for whom nothing is prepared.*l*

Let us be of those blessed ones, that shall eat bread in the kingdom of God,*m* and shall eat of the hidden manna.*n*

5. *When we are going on a journey.*

Lord, keep us in the way that we should go,*o* and let no evil thing befal us;*p* let us have a prosperous journey by the will of God,*q* and with thy favour let us be compassed wherever we go as with a shield.*r*

Let us walk in our way safely, and let not our foot stumble, or dash against a stone.*s*

Direct our way in every thing,*t* and enable us to order all our affairs with discretion,*v* and the Lord send us good speed, and show kindness to us.*w*

And the Lord watch between us when we are absent, the one from the other.*x*

a Jude 12. *b* Phil. 3. 19. *c* Luke 21. 34.
d 1 Cor. 10. 31. *e* Deut. 8. 10. *g* Psalm 23. 5.
h Psalm 16. 5, 6. *i* John 6. 27, 33, 34. *k* Psalm 146. 7.
l Luke 14. 15. *m* Rev. 2. 17. *n* Gen. 28. 20.
o Psalm 91. 10. *p* Rom. 1. 10. *q* Psalm 5. 12.
r Prov. 23. 15. *s* Psalm 91. 12. *t* 1 Thess. 1. 11.
v Psalm 112, 6, *w* Gen. 24, 12, *x* Gen. 31. 49.

6. When we return from a journey.

Blessed be the Lord God of Abraham, who hath not left us destitute of his mercy and his truth.*a*

All our bones shall say, Lord, who is like unto thee, for thou keepest all our bones.*b*

It is God that girdeth us with strength, and maketh our way perfect.*c*

7. In the evening before the Lord's day.

Now give us to remember, that to-morrow is the Sabbath of the Lord,*d* and that it is a high day, holy of the Lord and honourable,*e* and give us grace so to sanctify ourselves,*g* that to-morrow the Lord may do wonders among us;*h* and to mind the work of our preparation, now the sabbath draws on.*i*

When thou sawest every thing that thou hadst made in six days,*k* behold all was very good, but in many things we have all offended.*l* O that by repentance and faith in Christ's blood, we may wash not only our feet, but also our hands, and our head, and our heart,*m* and so may compass thine altar, O Lord.*n*

Now give us to rest from all our own works,*o* and to leave all our worldly cares at the bottom of the hill, while we go up to the mount to worship God, and return again to them.*p*

We bless thee, Lord, who hath showed us light, and that the light we see is the Lord's,*q* that we see one more of the days of the Son of man,*r* a day to be spent in thy courts, which is better than a thousand elsewhere.*s*

We thank thee, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that the things which were hid from the wise and prudent are revealed unto us babes, even so, Father, because it seemed good in thine eyes: that our eyes see, and our ears hear that which many prophets and kings desired to see, desired to hear, and might not;*t* that light and immortality are brought to light by the gospel.*v*

a Gen. 24. 27. *b* Psalm 35. 10. *c* Psalm 18. 32.
d Exod. 16. 13. *e* John 19. 31. *g* Isa. 58. 13.
h Josh. 3. 5. *i* Luke 23. 54. *k* Gen. 1. 31.
l James 3. 2. *m* John 13. 9. *n* Psalm 26. 6.
o Heb. 4. 10. *p* Gen. 22. 5. *q* Psalm 118. 27.
r Luke 17. 22. *s* Psalm 84. 10. *t* Luke 10. 21, 22, 23, 24.
v 2 Tim. 1. 10.

And now, O that we may be in the Spirit on the Lord's day![a] that we may call the sabbath a delight,[b] and may honor the Son of man, who is the Lord also of the sabbath-day,[c] not doing our own ways, or finding our own pleasure, or speaking our own words.

9. *At the entrance upon the public worship on the Lord's day, by the master of the assemblies.*

Thou, O God, art greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, and to be had in reverence of all them that are about thee.[d] O give us grace to worship thee with reverence and godly fear, because thou our God art a consuming fire.[e]

This is that which thou hast said, that thou wilt be sanctified in them which come nigh unto thee; and before all the people thou wilt be glorified.[g] Thou art the Lord that sanctifiest us,[h] sanctify us by thy truth; that we may sanctify thee in our hearts,[i] and make thee our fear and our dread.[k]

We come together to give glory to the great Jehovah, who in six days made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day, and therefore blessed a sabbath-day and hallowed it.[l] And our help stands in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.[m]

O let us be new creatures,[n] thy workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works.[o] And let that God, who on the first day of the world commanded the light to shine out of darkness, on this first day of the week shine in our hearts, to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God, in the face of Jesus Christ.[p]

We come together to give glory to the Lord Jesus Christ, and to sanctify this sabbath, to his honor, who was the stone that the builders refused, but now is become the head stone of the corner. This is the Lord's doing, it is marvellous in our eyes: this is the day which the Lord has made, we will rejoice and be glad

a Rev. 1. 10. b Isa. 58. 13. c Mark 2. 28. d Psalm 89. 7. e Heb. 12. 28. 29. g Lev. 10. 3. Ezek. 20. 12. i John 17. 17. k Isa. 8. 13. l Exod. 20. 11. m Psalm 124. 8. n 2 Cor. 5. 17. o Eph. 2. 10. p 2 Cor. 4. 6, 7.

in it :a he is the first and the last, who was dead and is alive.b

O that we may this day experience the power of Christ's resurrection, and may be planted together in the likeness of it,c that as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also may walk in newness of life,d and may sit with him in heavenly places ;e and by seeking the things that are above, may make it to appear that we are risen with him.g

We come together to give glory to the blessed Spirit of grace, and to celebrate the memorial of the giving of that promise of the Father,h in whom the apostles received power on the first day of the week, as on that day Christ rose.i

O that we may this day be filled with the Holy Ghost, and that the fruit of the Spirit in us may be in all goodness, and righteousness, and truth.k

We come together to testify our communion with the universal church, that though we are many, yet we are one; that we worship one and the same God the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him, in the name of one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him,l under the conduct of the same Spirit, one and the self-same Spirit, who divideth to every man severally as he will,m walking by the same rule,n looking for the same blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour.o

10. *In our preparation for the Lord's supper.*

Now we are invited to come eat of wisdom's bread, and drink of the wine that she has mingled,p give us to hunger and thirst after righteousness :q And being called to the marriage supper of the Lamb,r give us the wedding garment.s

Awake, O north wind, and come thou south, and blow upon our garden, that the spices thereof may flow

a Psalm 118. 22, 23, 24. b Rev. 2. 8. c Phil. 3. 10.
d Rom 6. 4, 5. e Eph. 2. 6. g Col. 3. 1.
h Acts 1. 4, 8. i Acts 2. 1. k Eph. v. 8, 18.
l 1Cor. 10. 17, 8, 6. m Cor. 12. 11. n Gal. 6. 16.
o Tit. 2 12. p Prov. 9. 5. q Matt. 5. 6.
r Rev. 19. 9. s Matt. 22. 11.

forth; and then let our beloved come into his garden, and eat his pleasant fruits.*a*

Draw us, and we will run after thee; bring us into thy chambers, that there we may be glad and rejoice in thee, and may remember thy love more than wine. And when the king sits at his table, let our spikenard send forth the smell thereof.*b*

And the good Lord pardon every one that prepareth his heart to seek God, the Lord God of his fathers, tho' he be not cleansed according to the purification of the sanctuary: Hear our prayers, and heal the people.*c*

11. *In the celebrating of the Lord's supper.*

O let this cup of blessing which we bless, be the communion of the blood of Christ,*d* let this bread which we break, be the communion of the body of Christ, and enable us herein to show the Lord's death till he come.*e*

Now let us be joined to the Lord in an everlasting covenant;*g* so joined to the Lord, as to become one spirit with him.*h* Now let us be made partakers of Christ, by holding fast the beginning of our confidence steadfast unto the end.*i*

Let Christ's flesh be meat indeed to us, and his blood drink indeed; and give us so by faith to eat his flesh, and drink his blood, that he may dwell in us, and we in him, and we may live by him.*k*

Let the cross of Christ, which is to the Jews a stumbling block, and to the Greeks foolishness, be to us the wisdom of God, and the power of God.*l*

Seal to us the remission of sins,*m* the gift of the Holy Ghost, and the promise of eternal life,*n* and enable us to take this cup of salvation, and to call on the name of the Lord.*o*

12. *After the celebration of the Lord's supper.*

And now, Lord, give us to hold fast that which we have received, that no man take our crown:*p* And keep it always in the imaginations of the thoughts of our hearts, and prepare our hearts unto thee.*q*

a Cant. 4. 16. *b* 2 Kings 1. 4, 16. *c* 2 Chron. 30. 18, 19.
d 1 Cor. 10. 16. *e* 1 Cor. 11. 26. *g* Jer. 10. 5.
h 1 Cor. 6. 17. *i* Heb. 3. 14. *k* John 6. 55, 56, 57.
l 1 Cor. 1. 23, 24. *m* Acts 2. 38. *n* 1 John 2. 25.
o Psalm 116. 13. *p* Rev. 3. 11. *q* 1 Chron. 29. 18.

Give us grace, as we have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so to walk in him,*a* that our conversation may be in every thing as becomes his gospel.*b*

O that we may now bear about with us continually the dying of our Lord Jesus,*c* so as that the life also of Jesus may be manifested in our mortal bodies, that to us to live may be Christ.*d*

Thy vows are upon us, O God.*e* O that we may be daily performing our vows.*g*

13. *Upon occasion of the baptism of a child.*

To thee, O God, whose all souls are, the souls of the parents, and the souls of the children,*h* we present this child a living sacrifice, which we desire may be holy and acceptable,*i* and that it may be given up and dedicated to the Father, Son and Holy Ghost.*k*

It is conceived in sin, but there is a fountain opened;*l* O wash the soul of this child in that fountain,*m* now it is by thine appointment washed with pure water.*n*

It is one of the children of the covenant,*o* one of the children that is born unto thee, it is thy servant, born in thy house;*p* O make good thy ancient covenant,*q* that thou wilt be a God to believers, and to their seed;*r* for this blessing of Abraham comes upon the Gentiles,*s* and the promise is still to us, and to our children.*t*

Thou hast encouraged us to bring little children to thee; for thou hast said, that of such is the kingdom of God. Blessed Jesus, take up this child in the arms of thy power and grace, put thy hands upon it, and bless it;*v* let it be a vessel of honour sanctified, and meet for the master's use,*w* and owned as one of thine in that day when thou makest up thy jewels.*x*

O pour thy spirit upon our seed, thy blessing upon our offspring, that they may spring up as willows by the water-courses, and may come to subscribe with their

a Col. 2. 6. *b* Phil. 1. 27. *c* 2 Cor. 4. 10.
d Phil. 1. 21. *e* Psalm 56. 12. *g* Psalm 61. 8.
h Ezek. 18. 4. *i* Rom. 12. 1. *k* Matt. 28. 19.
l Psalm 51. 5. *m* Zech. 13. 1. *n* Heb. 10. 22.
o Acts 3. 25. *p* Ezek. 16. 20. *q* Psalm 116. 16.
r Gen. 17. 7. *s* Gal. 3. 14. *t* Acts 2. 39.
v Mark 10. 14, 16. *w* 2 Tim. 2. 21. *x* Mal. 17.

own hands unto the Lord, and to sirname themselves by the name of Israel.*a*

14. *Upon occasion of a funeral.*

Lord give it to us to find it good for us to go to the house of mourning,*b* that we may be minded thereby of the end of all men, and may lay it to our heart, and may be so wise as to consider our latter end;*c* for we must also be gathered to our people, as our neighbours and brethren are gathered;*d* and though whither those that are dead in Christ are gone, we cannot follow them now,*e* yet grant that we may follow them afterwards, every one in his own order.*g*

We know that thou wilt bring us to death, and to the house appointed for all living,*h* but let us not see death, till by faith we have seen the Lord Christ, and then let us depart in peace, according to thy word.*i* And when the earthly house of this tabernacle shall be dissolved, let us have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.*k*

And give us to know that our Redeemer liveth, and that though after our skins, worms destroy these bodies, yet in our flesh we shall see God, whom we shall see for ourselves, and our eyes shall behold, and not another.*l*

15. *Upon occasion of marriage.*

Give to those that marry, to marry in the Lord;*m* and let the Lord Jesus by his grace come to the marriage, and turn the water into wine.*n*

Make them helps meet for each other, and instrumental to prove one another's salvation;*o* and give them to live in holy love,*p* that they may dwell in God, and God in them.*q*

Let the wife be as a fruitful vine by the side of the house,*r* and the husband dwell with the wife as a man of knowledge,*s* and let them dwell together as joint heirs of the grace of life, that their prayers be not hindered,

a Isa. 4. 3. 44. 5. *b* Eccl. 7. 2. *c* Deut. 32. 29.
d Numb. 27. 13. *e* John 13. 36. *g* 1 Cor. 15. 23.
h Job 30. 23. *i* Luke 2. 26, 29. *k* 2 Cor. 5. 1.
l Job 19. 25, 26. *m* 1 Cor. 7. 39. *n* John 2 1.
o Gen. 2. 18. *p* 1 Cor. 7. 16. *q* 1 John 4. 16.
r Psalm 128. 3. *s* 1 Pet. 3. 7.

and make us all meet for that world, where they neither marry nor are given in marriage.*a*

16. *Upon occasion of the ordaining of ministers.*

Let the things of God be committed to faithful men, who may be able also to teach others:*b* and make them such burning and shining lights,*c* as that it may appear that it was Christ Jesus who put them into the ministry;*d* and let not hands be suddenly laid on any.*e*

Give to those who are ordained, to take heed to the ministry which they have received of the Lord, that they fulfil it,*g* and to make full proof of it, by watching in all things.*h*

Let those who in Christ's name are to preach repentance and remission of sins, be endued with power from on high;*i* give them another spirit, and make them good ministers of Jesus Christ,*k* nourished up in the works of faith and good doctrine.*l*

17. *Upon occasion of the want of rain.*

Thou hast withholden the rain from us, and caused it to rain upon one city, and not upon another, yet have we not returned unto thee.*m*

But thou hast said, when heaven is shut up, that there is no rain, because we have sinned against thee; if we confess thy name, and turn from our sins, thou wilt hear from heaven, and forgive our sin, and give rain upon our land.*n*

We ask thee the former and latter rain, and depend upon thee for it;*o* for there are not any of the vanities of the heathen that can give rain, nor can the heavens give showers; but we wait on thee, for thou hast made all these things.*p*

18. *Upon occasion of excessive rain.*

Let the rain thou sendest be in mercy to our land and not for correction,*q* not a sweeping rain, which leaveth no food.*r*

Thou hast sworn that the waters of Noah shall no

a Luke 20. 35. *b* 2 Tim. 2. 2. *c* John 5. 35.
d 2 Tim. 1. 13. *e* 2 Tim. 5. 22. *g* Col. 4. 17.
h 2 Tim. 4. 5. *i* Luke 24. 47, 49. *k* 1 Sam. 10. 9.
l 1 Tim. 4. 6. *m* Amos 4. 7. *n* 1 Kings 8. 35.
o Zech. 10. 1. *p* Jer. 14. 22. *q* Job 37. 13.
r Prov. 28. 3.

more return to cover the earth ;*a* let fair weather therefore come out of the north, for with thee is terrible majesty.*b*

19. *Upon occasion of infectious diseases.*

Take sickness away from the midst of us,*c* and deliver us from the noisome pestilence.*d*

Appoint the destroying angel to put up his sword into his sheath, and to stay his hand.*e*

20. *Upon occasion of fire.*

Thou callest to contend by fire,*g* we bewail the burning which the Lord hath kindled :*h* O Lord God, cease we beseech thee, and let the fire be quenched,*i* as that kindled in Israel was at the prayer of Moses.*k*

21. *Upon occasion of great storms.*

Lord, thou hast the wind in thy hands,*l* and bringest them out of thy treasures,*m* even stormy winds fulfil thy word.*n* O preserve us and our habitations, that we be not buried in the ruins of them as Job's children were.*o*

22. *Upon occasion of the cares, and burdens, and afflictions of particular persons : as*

1. *When we pray with, or for those that are troubled in mind, and melancholy, and under doubts and fears about their spiritual state.*

Lord, enable those that fear thee, and obey the voice of thy servant, but walk in darkness, and have no light, to trust in the name of the Lord, and to stay themselves upon their God :*p* And at evening time let it be light.*q*

O strengthen the weak hands, confirm the feeble knees, say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not :*r* Answer them with good words, and comfortable words,*s* saying unto them, Be of good cheer, your sins are forgiven you : Be of good cheer, it is I : Be not afraid, I am your salvation.*v* And make them to hear the voice of joy and gladness,*w* that broken bones may rejoice.*x*

a Isa. 54 9. *b* Job 37. 22. *c* Exod. 23. 25.
d Psalm 91. 3. *e* 2 Sam. 24. 16. *g* Amos 7. 5.
h Lev. 10. 6. *i* Amos 7. 6. *k* Numb. 11. 2.
l Prov. 30. 4. *m* Psalm 135. 7. *n* Psalm 148. 8.
o Job 1. 19. *p* Isa. 50. 17. *q* Zech. 14. 7.
r Isa. 35. 3. 4. *s* Zech. 1. 13. *t* Matt. 9. 3.
v Mark 6. 50. *w* Psalm 35. 3. *x* Psalm 51. 8.

Let those who now remember God and are the rod, whose spirits are overwhelmed, and whose sou d,[b] and to be comforted,[a] be enabled to trust in thy merc that at length they may rejoice in thy salvation; th t of thou slay them, yet to trust in thee.[c]

Though deep calls unto deep, and all thy waves and thy billows go over them, yet do thou command thy loving-kindness for them in the day-time and in the night let thy song be with them, and their prayer to the God of their life, though their souls are cast down and disquieted within them, give them to hope in God, that they shall yet praise him, and let them find him the health of their countenance and their God.[d]

O renew a right spirit within them, cast them not away from thy presence, and take not thy Holy Spirit from them, but restore unto them the joy of thy salvation, and uphold them with thy free Spirit,[e] that their tongues may sing aloud of thy righteousness, and show forth thy salvation.[g]

O bring them up out of this horrible pit, and this miry clay, and set their feet upon a rock, establishing their goings, and put a new song in their mouth, even praises to our God,[h] O comfort them again now after the time that thou hast afflicted them.[i]

Though for a small moment thou hast forsaken them, and hid thy face from them, yet gather them, and have mercy on them with everlasting kindness.[k]

O let thy spirit witness with their spirits, that they are the children of God;[l] and by the blood of Christ let them be purged from an evil conscience.[m]

Lord, rebuke the tempter, even the accuser of the brethren, the Lord that hath chosen Jerusalem rebuke him, and let poor tempted troubled souls be as brands plucked out of the burning.

2. *Those that are under convictions of sin and begin to be concerned about their souls and their salvation, and to inquire after Christ.*

a Psalm 77. 2, 3. *b* Psalm 13. 15. *c* Job 13. 5.
d Psalm 42. 7, 8, 11. *e* Psalm 51. 10, 11, 12, 14. *g* Psalm 71, 15.
h Psalm 40. 2, 3. *i* Psalm 90. 15. *k* Isa. 54. 7, 8.
l Rom. 8. 16. *m* Heb. 10. 22. *n* Zech. 3. 2.

Those that are asking the way to Zion,*a* with their faces thitherward, that are lamenting after the Lord,*b* and are pricked to the heart for sin,*c* O show them the good and the right way, and lead them in it.*d*

To those that are asking what they shall do to inherit eternal life,*e* discover Christ as the way, the truth, and the life, the only true and living way.*g*

O do not quench the smoking flax, nor break the bruised reed, but bring forth judgment unto victory.*h* Let the great Shepherd of the sheep gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead them,*i* and help them against their unbelief.*k*

Let not the red dragon devour the man-child, as soon as it is born, but let it be caught up to God, and to his throne.*l*

3. *When we pray with, or for those that are sick and weak, and distempered in body, that those who are sick and in sin may be convinced, those who are sick and in Christ comforted.*

Lord, thou hast appointed those that are sick to be prayed for, and prayed with, and hast promised that the prayer of faith shall save the sick; Lord, help us to pray in faith for the sick, and as being ourselves also in the body.*m*

When our Lord Jesus was here upon earth, we find that they brought to him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and he healed all manner of sicknesses, and all manner of diseases among the people: and he hath still the same power over bodily diseases that ever he had;*n* he saith to them, Go, and they go; Come, and they come; Do this, and they do it; and can speak the word, and they shall be healed.*o* And he is still touched with the feeling of our infirmities.*p* In the belief of this, we do by prayer bring our friends that are sick and lay them before him.*q*

Lord, grant that those who are sick may neither despise the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when they are

a Jer. 50. 5. *b* 1 Sam. 7. 2. *c* Acts 2. 37.
d 1 Sam. 12. 23. *e* Matt. 19. 16. *g* John 14. 6.
h Matt. 12 20. *i* Isa. 40. 11. *k* Mark 9. 24.
l Rev. 12. 4, 5. *m* Jam. 5. 14 15. *n* Matt. 4. 23 24.
o Matt. 8. 8, 9. *p* Heb. 4. 15. *q* Luke 5. 18.

rebuked of him;*a* but that they may both hear the rod, and him that hath appointed it, and may kiss the rod,*b* and accept of the punishment of their iniquity.*c*

Give them to see that affliction cometh not forth out of the dust, nor springs out of the ground,*d* that they may therefore seek unto God, to the Lord more than to the physicians,*e* because unto God the Lord belong the issues of life and death.*g*

Lord, show them wherefore thou contendest with them,*h* and give them in their affliction to humble themselves greatly before the God of their fathers,*i* and to repent and turn from every evil way, and make their ways and their doings good,*k* and being judged, and being chastened of the Lord, they may not be condemned with the world.*l* By the sickness of the body, and the sadness of the countenance, let the heart be made better.*m*

O Lord, rebuke them not in thine anger, neither chasten in thy hot displeasure: Have mercy upon them, O Lord, for they are weak; Lord heal them, for their bones are vexed, their souls also are sore vexed: Return, O Lord, and deliver their souls, save them for thy mercy's sake:*n* and lay no more upon them than thou wilt enable them to bear, and enable them to bear what thou dost lay upon them.*o*

When thou with rebukes dost chasten man for sin, thou makest his beauty to consume away like a moth; surely every man is vanity. But remove thy stroke, we pray thee, from those that are even consumed by the blow of thine hand. O spare a little, that they may recover strength before they go hence and be no more.*p*

Those that are chastened with pain upon their bed, and the multitude of their bones with strong pain, so that their life abhorreth bread, and their soul dainty meat, show them thine uprightness, be gracious to them. Deliver them from going down to the pit, for thou hast found a ransom.*q*

a Heb. 12. 5. *b* Mic. 6. 9. *c* Lev. 26. 41.
d Job 5. 6, 8. *e* 2 Chron. 16. 12. *g* Psalm 68. 20.
h Job 10. 2. *i* 2 Chron. 33. 12. *k* Jer. 18. 11.
l 1 Cor. 11. 32. *m* Eccl. 7. 3. *n* Psalm 6. 1, 2, 3, 4.
o 1 Cor. 10, 13. *p* Psal. 39. 10, 11, 13. *q* Job 33. 19, 20, 23, 24.

Let the eternal God be their refuge, and underneath them be the everlasting arms,*r* consider their frame, remember that they are but dust.*s*

O deliver those that are thine in the time of trouble, preserve them and keep them alive: O strengthen them upon their bed of languishing, and make their bed in their sickness; Be merciful to them, and heal their souls, for they have sinned.*t*

O turn to them, and have mercy upon them, bring them out of their distresses, look upon their affliction and their pain, but especially forgive all their sin.*u*

Make thy face to shine upon them, save them for thy mercy's sake.*v* The God that comforteth them that are cast down, comfort them!*w* and let the soul dwell at ease in thee, when the body lies in pain.*x*

(If it be the beginning of a distemper.) Lord, set bounds to this sickness, and say, Hitherto shall it come, and no further;*y* let it not prevail to extremity, but in measure, when it shooteth forth, do thou debate, and stay thy rough wind in the day of thine east wind; and by this let iniquity be purged, and let this be all the fruit, even the taking away of sin.*z*

(If it have continued long.) Lord, let patience have her perfect work, even unto long suffering, that those who have been long in the furnace,*a* may continue hoping, and quietly waiting for the salvation of the Lord;*b* Let tribulation work patience, and patience experience, and experience a hope that maketh not ashamed,*c* and enable them to call even this affliction light, seeing it to work for them a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory.*d*

(If there be hopes of recovery.) Lord, when thou hast tried, let them come forth like gold;*e* let their souls live, and they shall praise thee, let thy judgments help them: O deal bountifully with them, that they may live and keep thy word.*g* In love to their souls deliver them from the pit of corruption, and cast all their sins behind thy back.

r Deut. 33. 27. *s* Psalm 103. 14. *t* Psalm 41. 1, 2, 3, 4.
u Psalm 25. 16. 17. 18. *v* Psalm 31. 16. *w* 2 Cor. 7. 6.
x Psalm 25. 13. *y* Job 38. 11. *z* Isa. 27. 8, 9.
a James 1. 4. *b* Lam. 3. 26. *c* Rom. 5. 3, 4.
d 2 Cor. 4. 17. *e* Job 23. 10. *g* Psalm 119. 175, 176.

Recover them, and make them to live.*h* Speak the word, and they shall be healed :*i* Say unto them, Live, yea, say unto them, Live, and the time shall be a time of love.*k*

Father, if it be possible, let the cup pass away; however, not as we will, but as thou wilt :*l* The will of the Lord be done. Perfect that which concerns them :*m* thy mercy, O Lord, endures for ever, forsake not the work of thine own hands, but whether they live or die, let them be the Lord's.*n*

(If they be in appearance at the point of death.)

Now the flesh and the heart are failing, Lord, be thou the strength of the heart, and an everlasting portion :*o* In the valley of the shadow of death, Lord, be thou present, as the good Shepherd, with a guiding rod, and a supporting staff.*p* O do not fail them, nor forsake them now.*q* Be a very present help :*r* Into thy hands we commit the departing spirit,*s* as into the hands of a faithful Creator, by the hands of him who has redeemed it.*t* Let it be carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom.*u* Let it be presented to thee, without spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing.*v* Lord Jesus, receive this precious soul,*w* let it come to the spirits of just men made perfect;*x* when it is absent from the body, let it be present with the Lord.*y* This day let it be with thee in paradise.*z* Now let it be for ever comforted,*a* and perfectly freed from sin;*b* and prepare us to draw after, as there are innumerable before,*c* that we may be together for ever with the Lord,*d* there where there shall be no more death, and where all tears shall be wiped away.*e*

4. *When we pray with, or for those that are deprived of the use of their reason.*

O look with pity upon those that are put out of possession of their own souls,*g* whose judgment is taken away,*h* so that their soul chooseth strangling and death, rather

h Isa. 38. 16, 17.	*i* Mat. 8. 8.	*k* Ezek. 16. 6, 8.
l Mat. 26. 39.	*m* Psalm 138. 8.	*n* Rom. 14. 8.
o Psalm 73. 26.	*p* Psalm 23. 4.	*q* Heb. 13. 5.
r Psalm 46. 1.	*s* Psalm 31. 5.	*t* 1 Peter 4. 19.
u Luke 16. 22.	*v* Eph. 5. 27.	*w* Acts 7. 59.
x Heb. 12. 23.	*y* 2 Cor. 5. 8.	*z* Luke 23. 34.
a Luke 16. 25.	*b* Rom. 6. 7.	*c* Job 21. 33.
d 1 Thes. 4. 17.	*e* Rev. 21. 4.	*g* Luke 21. 9.
h Job. 27. 2.		

than life.*g* O restore them to themselves, and their right mind.*h* Deliver them from doing themselves any harm.*i* And whatever afflictions thou layest upon any of us in this world, preserve to us the use of our reason, and the peace of our consciences.*k*

5. *When we pray with or for sick children.*

Lord, we see death reigning even over them that have not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression ;*l* but Jesus Christ hath abolished death,*m* and admitted even little children into the kingdom of God.*n* O let sick children be pitied by thee, as they are by their earthly parents.*o* They are come forth like flowers, O let them not be cut down again: Turn from them, that they may rest till they shall have accomplished as a hireling their day.*p* Be gracious to us, and let the children live: However, Father,*q* thy will be done.*r* O let their spirits be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.*s*

6. *When we pray with, or for families, where death is, especially such as have lost their head.*

Visit the houses of mourning, as our Saviour did, and comfort them, by assuring them that Christ is the resurrection and the life, that their relations which are removed from them,*t* are not dead, but sleep :*u* and that they shall rise again, that they may not sorrow as those that have no hope.*v* And enable them to trust in the living God,*w* the rock of ages, and enjoy the fountains of living waters,*x* when creatures prove broken reeds and broken cisterns.*y*

Be a father to the fatherless, and a husband to the widows, O God in thy holy habitation.*z* With thee let the fatherless find mercy,*a* keep them alive, and let the widows trust in thee, that they may be widows indeed, who being desolate,*b* trust in God, and continue instant in prayer night and day.*c* And where father and mother have forsaken, let the Lord take up the children,*d* and not leave them orphans, but come to them.*e*

g Job 7. 15. *h* Luke 15. 17. *i* Mat. 5. 15.
k Acts 16. 28. *l* Rom. 5. 14. *m* 2 Tim. 1. 10.
n Mark 10. 14. *o* Psalm 103. 13. *p* Job 14. 2. 6.
q 2 Sam. 12. 22. *r* Acts 21. 14. *s* 1 Cor. 5. 5.
t John 11. 23, 25. *u* Mat. 9. 24. *v* 1 Thes. 4. 13.
w 1 Tim. 6. 17. *x* Psalm 146. 4, 5. *y* Jer. 2. 13.
z Psalm 68. 5. *a* Hos. 14. 3. *b* Jer. 49. 11
c 1 Tim. 5. 5. *d* Psalm 27. 10. *e* John 14. 18.

7. *When we pray with, or for those women that are near the time of travail, or in travail.*

Lord, thou hast passed this sentence upon the woman that was first in the transgression,*i* that in sorrow she shall bring forth children.*k* But let this handmaid of thine be saved in child bearing, and continue in faith, and charity, and holiness, with sobriety.*l* Enable her to cast her burden upon the Lord, and let the Lord sustain her;*m* and what time she is afraid, grant that she may trust in thee, and may encourage herself in the Lord her God.*n* O let not the root be dried up from beneath, nor let the branch be withered, or cut off;*o* but let both live before thee.*p* Be thou her strong habitation, her rock, and her fortress, give commandment to save her.*q* And when travail comes upon her, which she cannot escape, be pleased, O Lord, to deliver her:*r* O Lord, make haste to help her: Be thou thyself her help and deliverer, make no tarrying, O our God: Let her be safely delivered,*s* and remember the anguish no more, for joy that a child is born into the world, is born unto thee.*t*

8. *When we pray with, or for those that are recovered from sickness, or are delivered in child-bearing, and desire to return thanks to God for his mercy.*

We will extol thee, O Lord, upon the account of those whom thou hast lifted up, whose souls thou hast brought up from the grave, and kept them alive, that they should not go down to the pit.*u* Those that were brought low thou hast helped, hast delivered their souls from death, their eyes from tears, and their feet from falling. Now give them grace to walk before thee in the land of the living, to offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving, to call upon thy name, and to pay their vows unto the Lord.*v* The grave cannot thus praise thee, death cannot celebrate thee, they that go down to the pit cannot hope for thy truth, but the living they shall praise thee, as we do this day.*w* Lord, grant that those who are delivered from

i 1 Tim. 2. 14. *k* Gen. 3. 16. *l* 1 Tim. 2. 15.
m Psalm 55. 22. *n* Psalm 56. 3. *o* 1 Sam. 30. 6.
p Job. 18. 16. *q* Psalm 71. 3. *r* 1 Thess. 5. 3.
s Psalm 40. 13. 17. *t* John. 16. 21. *u* Psalm 30. 1, 2.
v Ps. 116. 6, 8, 9, 17, 18. *w* Isa. 38. 18, 19.

death may not be as the nine lepers;*x* who did not return to give thanks, or as Hezekiah, who rendered not again according to the benefit done unto him;*y* but that they may so offer praise, as to glorify thee, and so order their conversation, as to see the salvation of God.*z*

Those whom the Lord has chastened sore, yet has not delivered over unto death; O that they may therefore praise him, who is become their salvation.*a*

9. *When we pray with, or for those parents, whose children are a grief to them, or such as they are in fear about.*

Lord, give to parents the desires of their souls concerning their children, which is to see them walking in the truth;*b* form Christ in their souls.*c* O give them betimes to know the God of their fathers, and to serve him with a perfect heart, and a willing mind.*d* Let the children of youth, that are as arrows in the hand, be directed aright, that those parents may have reason to think themselves happy that have their quiver full of them, and that they may never be arrows in their hearts.*e*

Let those foolish children, that are the grief of the father, and the heaviness of her that bare them, that mock at their parents, and despise to obey them, be brought to repentance; and let those that have been unprofitable,*g* now at length be made profitable.*h* O turn the hearts of the children to their fathers,*i* even the disobedient to the wisdom of the just,*k* that they may be made ready a people prepared for the Lord. O show them their work, and their transgression, that they exceeded,*l* and open their ear to discipline.*m*

10. *When we pray with, or for those that are in prison.*

Those that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, being bound in affliction and iron, because they rebelled against the word of God, and contemned the counsel of the Most High, give them grace to cry unto thee in their trouble,*n* and in a day of adversity to consider.*o*

x Luke 17. 18. *y* 2 Chron. 32. 25. *z* Psalm 50. 23.
a Psalm 118. 18. 21. *b* 2 John 4. *c* Gal. 4. 19.
d 1 Chron. 28. 9. *e* Psalm 127. 4, 5. *g* Prov. 17. 25.
30. 17. *h* Philem. 11. *i* Mal. 4. 6.
k Luke 1. 17. *l* Job. 35. 9, 10. *m* Isa. 29. 23, 24.
o Psalm 107. 10, 11, 13. *o* Eccl. 7. 14.

In their captivity give them to bethink themselves, to humble themselves, and pray, and seek thy face; to repent, saying, We have sinned and have done perversely, and to return to thee with all their heart and with all their soul: *m* and bring their souls out of prison, that they may praise thy name. *n* bring them into the glorious liberty of the children of God, out of the bondage of corruption. *o* Let the Son make them free, and then they shall be free indeed. *p*

Those that are wrongfully imprisoned, be thou with them, as thou wast with Joseph in the prison, and show them mercy. *q* Hear the poor, and despise not thy prisoners, but let their sorrowful sighing come before thee, and according to the greatness of thy power preserve those that are unjustly appointed to die. *r*

11. *When we pray with, or for condemned malefactors, that have but a little while to live.*

O look with pity upon those, the number of whose months is to be cut off in the midst of their sins: *s* O give them repentance unto salvation, as thou didst to the thief upon the cross, *t* that they may own the justice of God in all that is brought upon them, that he has done right, but they have done wickedly. *u* O turn them, and they shall be turned, that being instructed they may smite upon the thigh, and may be ashamed, yea, even confounded, because they do bear the reproach of their own iniquity. *v* O pluck them as brands out of the fire: *w* let them be delivered from the wrath to come. *x*

Enable them to give glory to God by making confession, *y* that they may find mercy, *z* and that others may hear and fear, and do no more presumptuously. *a*

Lord Jesus, remember them now, thou art in thy kingdom; *b* O let them not be hurt of the second death: *c* Deliver them from going down to the pit; *d* Though the flesh

m 1 Kings 8. 41, 42. *n* Psalm 142. 7. *o* Rom. 8. 21.
p John 8. 36. *q* Gen. 39. 21. *r* Psalm 69. 33.
s Job 21. 21. *t* 2 Cor. 7. 10. *u* Neh. 9. 33.
v Jer. 31. 18, 19. *w* Jude 23. *x* 1 Thess. 1. 10.
y Josh. 7. 19. *z* Prov. 18. 14. *a* Deut. 17. 13.
b Luke 23, 42. *c* Rev. 2. 11. *d* Job 33. 24.

be destroyed,*e* O let the spirit be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus. The God of infinite mercy be merciful to these sinners,*g* these sinners against their own souls.*h*

12. *When we pray with, or for those that are at sea.*

Let those that go down to the sea in ships, that do business in great waters, observe the works of the Lord there, and his wonders in the deep:*i* And acknowledge what a great God he is whom the winds and the seas obey;*k* who hath placed the sand for the bound of the sea, by a perpetual decree, that it cannot pass it; and though the waves thereof toss themselves, yet can they not prevail; though they roar, yet can they not pass over.*l*

O preserve them through the paths of the seas,*m* and in perils by waters, and perils by robbers.*n* If the stormy wind be raised which lifteth up the waves, so that they are at their wit's end, deliver them out of their distresses, make the storm a calm, and bring them to their desired haven: And, O that those who are delivered may praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men.*o*

CHAP. VII.

Of the conclusion of our prayers.

WE are commanded to pray always, to pray without ceasing, to continue in prayer, because we must always have in us a disposition to the duty, must be constant to it, and never grow weary of it, or throw it up; and yet we cannot be always praying, we must come down from this mount: nor may we be over long, so as to make the duty a task or a toil to ourselves, or those that join with us. We have other work that calls for our attendance. Jacob wrestles with the angel; but he must go,

e 1 Cor. 5. 5. *g* Luke 18. 13. *h* Num. 16. 38.
i Psalm 107. 23, 24. *k* Matt. 8. 27. *l* Jer. 5. 22.
m Psalm 8. 8. *n* 2 Cor. 11. 26. *o* Ps. 107. 25, 27, 28, 29, 30.

for the day breaks: We must therefore think of concluding. The prayers of David the son of Jesse must be ended. But how shall we conclude, so as to have the impressions of the duty kept always in the imagination of the thought of our heart?

1. *We may then sum up our requests in some comprehensive petitions, at the conclusion of the whole matter.*

Now the God of peace that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make us perfect in every good work to do his will, working in us that which is well pleasing in his sight, through Christ Jesus.*a*

Now the Lord direct our hearts into the love of God, and into a patient waiting for Christ.*b*

And the God of all grace, who hath called us to his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that we have suffered awhile, make us perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle us.*c*

And now, Lord, what wait we for?*d* Truly our hope is even in thee, and on thee do we depend to be to us a God all sufficient.*e*

Do for us exceeding abundantly above what we are able to ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us:*g* and supply all our needs according to thy riches in glory by Christ Jesus.*h*

2. *We may then beg for the audience and acceptance of our poor weak prayers for Christ's sake.*

Now the God of Israel grant us the things we have requested of him.*i*

Let the words of our mouths, and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, our strength and our Redeemer.*k*

Let thine eyes be open unto the supplication of thy servants, and unto the supplication of thy people Israel, to hearken unto them in all that they call unto thee for; for they be thy people, and thine inheritance.*l*

O our God, let thine ears be attent unto the prayers that we have made: O turn not away the face of thine anoint-

a Heb. 13 20. b 2 Thess. 3. 5. *c* 1 Pet. 5. 10.
d Psalm 39 7. *e* Gen. 17. 1. *g* Eph. 3 20.
h Phil. 4 19. *i* 1 Sam. 1. 17. *k* Psalm 19. 14.
l 1 Kings 8. 51, 52.

ed; remember the mercies of David thy servant; even Jesus, who is at thy right hand making intercession for us.*m*

Lord, thou hast assured us, that whatever we ask the Father in Christ's name, he will give it us.*n* We ask all these things in that name,*o* that powerful name which is above every name,*p* that precious name which is as ointment poured forth.*q* O make thy face to shine upon us for the Lord's sake,*r* who is the Son of thy love, and whom thou hearest always;*s* good Lord, give us to hear him, and be well pleased with us in him.*t*

3. *We may then beg for the forgiveness of what has been amiss in our prayers.*

Lord, we have not prayed as we ought.*u* Who is there that does good and sins not?*v* Even when we would do good, evil is present with us; and if to will be present, yet how to perform that which is good we know not; for the good that we would, we do not,*w* so that thou mightest justly refuse to hear, even when we make many prayers.*x* But we have a great High Priest, who bears the iniquity of the holy things, which the children of Israel hallow in all their holy gifts;*y* for his sake take away all that iniquity from us, even all the iniquity of our holy things, and receive us graciously, and love us freely;*z* and deal not with us after our folly.*a*

4. *We may then recommend ourselves to the conduct, protection, and government of the divine grace, in the further services that lie before us, and in the whole course of our conversation.*

And now let us be enabled to go from strength to strength, until we appear before God in Zion; and while we pass through the valley of Baca, let it be made a *well*, and let the rain of the divine grace and blessing fill the pools.*b*

Now speak, Lord, for thy servants hear.*c* What saith our Lord unto his servants?*d* Grant that we may not turn

m 2 Chron. 6. 40, 42. *n* John 16. 23. *o* Phil. 2. 9.
p Cant. 1. 3. *q* Dan. 9. 17. *r* Col. 1. 13.
s John 11. 42. *t* Matt. 17. 5. *u* Rom. 8. 26.
v Eccl. 7. 20. *w* Rom. 7. 18, 19. *x* Isa. 1. 15.
y Exod. 28. 38. *z* Hos. 14. 2. *a* Job 42. 8.
b Psalm 84. 6, 7. *c* 1 Sam. 3. 9. *d* Josh. 5. 14.

away our ear from hearing the law; for then our prayers will be an abomination;*e* but may hearken unto God, that he may hearken unto us.*g*

And now the Lord our God be with us, as he was with our fathers; let him not leave us nor forsake us, that he may incline our hearts unto him, to walk in all his ways, and to keep his commandments, and his statutes, and his judgments: and let our hearts be perfect with the Lord our God all our days, and continue so till the end be,*h* and then we may rest, and may stand in our lot, and let it be a blessed lot in the end of the days.

5. *We may conclude all with doxologies, or solemn praises of God, ascribing honour and glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, and sealing up all our praises and prayers with an affectionate Amen.*

Now blessed be the Lord God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting,*i* Amen and Amen.

For ever blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, who only doth wondrous things, and blessed be his glorious name for ever, and let the whole earth be filled with his glory, Amen and Amen.*k* Yea, let all the people say Amen, hallelujah.*l*

To God only wise be glory, through Jesus Christ, for ever,*m* Amen.

Now to God the Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father, be glory for ever and ever,*n* Amen.

To God be glory in the church by Christ Jesus, throughout all ages, world without end,*o* Amen.

Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever,*p* Amen: To him be honour and power everlasting,*q* to him be glory and dominion,*r* Amen.

Now, unto him that is able to keep us from falling, and to present us faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Saviour,

e Prov. 28. 9. *g* Judges 9. 7. *h* 1 Kings 8. 57. 58, 61.
i Psalm 41. 13. *k* Psalm 72. 18. 19. *l* Psalm 106. 48.
m Rom. 16. 27. *n* Gal. 1. 3, 4, 5. *o* Eph. 3. 21.
p 1 Tim. 1. 17. *q* 1 Tim. 6. 16. *r* 1 Pet. 5. 11.

be glory and majesty, dominion and power, now and ever,*s* Amen.

Hallelujah, salvation, and glory, and honour, and power, unto the Lord our God, Amen, hallelujah.*t*

And now, we prostrate our souls before the throne and worship God, saying, Amen, blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto God, for ever and ever,*u* Amen.

Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb, for ever and ever; and let the whole creation say, Amen, Amen.*v*

6. *It is very proper to sum up our prayers in that form of prayer which Christ taught his disciples.*

Our Father which art in heaven; hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever, Amen.*w*

CHAP. VIII.

A Paraphrase on the Lord's Prayer, in Scripture Expressions.

THE Lord's prayer being intended not only for a form of prayer itself, but a rule of direction, a plan or model in little, by which we may frame our prayers; and the expressions being remarkably concise, and yet vastly comprehensive; it will be of good use sometimes to lay it before us, and observing the method and order of it, to dilate upon the several passages and petitions of it, that we may use it the more intelligently; of which we shall only here give a specimen, in the assistance we may have from some other scriptures.

s Jude 24, 25. *t* Rev. 19. 1, 4. *u* Rev. 7, 11, 12.
v Rev. 5, 13. *w* Matt. 6. 9, 10, 11, 12, 13.

Our Father which art in heaven.

O Lord our God, doubtless thou art our Father, though Abraham be ignorant of us, and Israel acknowledge us not: thou O Lord, art our Father, our Redeemer, thy name is from everlasting;*a* And we will from this time cry unto thee, our Father, thou art the guide of our youth.*b*

Have we not all one Father? has not one God created us?*c* Thou art the Father of our spirits, to whom we ought to be in subjection and live.*d*

Thou art the Father of lights, and the Father of mercies,*e* and the God of all consolation:*g* the eternal Father,*h* of whom, and through whom, and to whom, are all things.*i*

Thou art the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,*k* whose glory was that of the only begotten of the Father, who is in his bosom*l* by him, as one brought up with him, daily his delight, and rejoicing always before him.*m*

Thou art in Christ, our Father, and the Father of all believers, whom thou hast predestinated to the adoption of children,*n* and into whose hearts thou hast sent the Spirit of the Son, teaching them to cry Abba, Father,*o* behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the children of God!*p* That the Lord God Almighty should be to us a Father, and we should be to him for Sons and daughters:*q* And that as many as receive Christ, to them thou shouldst give power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name; which are born, not of the will of man, but of God, and his grace.*r*

O that we may receive the adoption of sons,*s* and that as obedient and genuine children, we may fashion ourselves according to the example of him who hath called us, who is holy;*t* and may be followers of God as dear children, and conformed to the image of his Son,*u* who is the first born among many brethren.*v*

a Isa. 63. 16. *b* Jer. 3. 4. *c* Mal. 2. 10.
d Heb. 12. 9. *e* James 1. 17. *g* 2 Cor. 1. 3.
h Isa. 9. 6. *i* Rom. 11 36. *k* Eph. 1. 3.
l John 1. 14, 28. *m* Prov. 8 30. *n* Eph. 1. 15.
o Gal. 4. 6. *p* 1 John 3. 1. *q* 2 Cor. 6. 18.
r John 1. 12, 13. *s* Gal. 4. 5. *t* 1 Pet. 1. 14.
u Eph. 5. 1. *v* Rom. 8. 29.

Enable us to come to thee with humble boldness and confidence,*r* as to a Father, a tender Father,*s* who spares us as a man spares his son who serves him; and as having an advocate with the Father,*t* who yet has told us, that the Father himself loves us.*u*

Thou art a Father, but where is thine honour?*v* Lord, give us grace to serve thee as becomes children, with reverence and godly fear.*w*

Thou art a Father, and if earthly parents, being evil, yet know how to give good gifts unto their children, how much more shall our heavenly Father, give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him.*x* Lord, give us the Spirit of grace and supplication.*y*

We come to thee as prodigal children, that have gone from our Father's house into a far country; but we will arise and go to our Father, for in his house there is bread enough, and to spare; and if we continue at a distance from him, we perish with hunger. Father, we have sinned against heaven, and before thee, and are no more worthy to be called thy children, make us even as thy hired servants.*z*

Thou art our Father in heaven, and therefore unto thee, O Lord, do we lift our souls. Unto thee we lift up our eyes, O thou that dwellest in the heavens: as the eyes of a servant are to the hand of his master, and the eyes of a maiden to the hand of her mistress, so do our eyes wait upon thee, O Lord our God;*a* a God whom the heaven of heavens cannot contain, and yet whom we may have access to,*b* having a High Priest that is passed into the heavens as our forerunner.*c*

Thou, O God, dwellest in the high and holy place,*d* and holy and reverend is his name.*e* God is in heaven, and we are upon earth,*g* therefore should we choose our words to reason with him,*h* and yet through a Mediator we have boldness to enter into the holiest.*i*

Look down we pray thee, from heaven, and behold,

r Eph. 3. 12. *s* Mal. 3. 17. *t* 1 John 2. 2.
u John 16. 27. *v* Mal. 1. 6. *w* Heb. 12. 28.
x Luke 11. 13. *y* Zech. 12. 10. *z* Luke 15. 13, 17, 18, 19.
a Psalm 86. 4. *b* 1 Kings 8. 27. *c* Heb. 4. 14.
d Isa. 57. 15. *e* Psalm 111. 9. *g* Eccl. 5. 2.
h Job 9. 14. *i* Heb. 10. 19.

from the habitation of thy holiness, and of thy glory,*k* and have compassion upon us, and help us.*l*

Heaven is the firmament of thy power:*m* O hear us from thy holy heaven, with the saving strength of thy right hand; send us help from thy sanctuary, and strengthen us out of Zion.

And, O that, since heaven is our Father's house,*n* we may have our conversation there,*o* and may seek the things that are above.*p*

Hallowed be thy name.

And now what is our petition, and what is our request?*q* What would we that thou shouldest do for us?*r* This is our heart's desire and prayer in the first place, Father, in heaven, let thy name be sanctified.*s* We pray that thou mayest be glorified as a holy God.*t*

We desire to exalt the Lord our God, to worship at his footstool, at his holy hill, and to praise his great and terrible name, for it is holy, for the Lord our God is holy.*v* Thou art holy, O thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel.*w*

We glory in thy holy name, and therefore shall our hearts rejoice,*x* because that we have trusted in that holy name of thine,*y* to which we will always give thanks, and triumph in thy praise.*z*

Lord enable us to glorify thy holy name, for evermore, by praising thee with all our hearts,*a* and by bringing forth much fruit, for herein is our heavenly Father glorified.*b* O that we may be to our God for a name, and for a praise, and for a glory,*c* that being called out of darkness into his marvellous light, to be to him a peculiar people, we may show forth the praises of him that hath called us.*d*

O that we may be thy children, the work of thy hands, that we may sanctify thy name, and sanctify the holy

k Isa. 63. 15. *l* Mark 9. 22. *m* Psalm 20. 2, 6.
n John 14. 2. *o* Phil. 3 20. *p* Col. 3. 1.
q Esther 5 6. *r* Matt. 20. 32. *s* Rom. 10. 1.
t Lev. 10. 3. *v* Psalm 99. 3. 5, 9. *w* Psalm 22. 3.
x Psalm 105. 3. *y* Psalm 33. 21. *z* Psalm 106. 47.
a Psalm 86. 12. *b* John 15. 8. *c* Jer. 13. 11.
d 1 Pet. 2. 9.

One of Jacob, and fear the God of Israel,*e* and may be to the praise of his glory.*g*

Enable us as we have received the gift, so to minister the same, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God, that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ:*h* And if we suffer, enable us to suffer as Christians, and to glorify God therein; for this is our earnest expectation and hope, that always Jesus Christ may be magnified in our bodies, in life and death.*i*

Lord, enable others to glorify thee, even the strong people to glorify thee, and the city of the terrible nations fear thee;*k* but especially let the Lord be magnified from the border of Israel.*l* Let them glorify the Lord in the fires, even the Lord God of Israel in the isles of the sea.*m* O let all nations, whom thou hast made, come and worship before thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name; for thou art great and dost wondrous things, thou art God alone.*n*

O let the Gentiles glorify God for his mercy, let his name be known among the Gentiles, and let them rejoice with his people.*o* O let thy name be great among the Gentiles,*p* and let all the ends of the world remember and turn to the Lord, and all kindreds of the nations worship before thee; and let them declare thy righteousness to a people that shall be born.*q*

Lord, do thou thyself dispose of all things to thy own glory, both as King of nations and King of saints:*r* Do all according to the counsel of thy own will,*s* that thou mayest magnify thyself, and sanctify thyself, and mayest be known in the eyes of many nations that thou art the Lord.*t* O sanctify thy great name, which has been profaned among the heathen, and let them know that thou art the Lord when thou shalt be sanctified in them.*v*

Father, glorify thine own name:*w* thou hast glorified it, glorify it yet again: Father glorify thy Son, that thy son also may glorify thee.*x* O give him a name above

e Isa. 29. 23. *g* Eph. 1. 12. *h* 1 Pet. 4. 10, 11, 16.
i Phil. 1. 20. *k* Isa. 25. 3. *l* Mal. 1. 5.
m Isa. 24. 15. *n* Psalm 86. 9. 10. *o* Rom. 15. 9, 10.
p Mal. 1. 11. *q* Psalm 22. 27. 31. *r* Jer. 10. 7. Rev. 15. 3.
s Eph. 1. 11. *t* Ezek. 3. 23. *v* Ezek. 36. 23.
w John 12. 28. *x* John 17. 1.

every name,[x] and in all places, in all things let him have the pre-eminence.[y]

Lord, what wilt thou do for thy great name?[z] Do this for thy great name: Pour out of thy Spirit upon all flesh;[a] and let the word of Christ dwell richly in the hearts of all.[b] Be thou exalted, O Lord, among the heathen, be thou exalted in the earth:[c] Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens, let thy glory be above all the earth:[d] Be thou exalted, O Lord, in thine own strength, so will we sing and praise thy power.[e] Do great things with thy glorious and everlasting arm, to make unto thyself a glorious and everlasting name.[g]

O let thy name be magnified for ever, saying, The Lord of hosts is the God of Israel, even a God to Israel.[h]

Thy Kingdom come.

In order to the sanctifying and glorifying of thy holy name, Father in heaven, let thy kingdom come, for thine is the kingdom, O Lord, and thou art exalted as head above all: both riches and honor come of thee; thou reignest over all, and in thine hand is power and might, and in thine hand it is to make great, and to give strength unto all.[i] And we desire to speak of the glorious majesty of thy kingdom, for it is an everlasting kingdom, and thy dominion endures throughout all generations.[k]

Thou rulest by thy power for ever, thine eyes behold the nations.[l] O let not the rebellious exalt themselves, but through the greatness of thy power let thine enemies submit themselves unto thee.[m]

O make it to appear that the kingdom is thine, and that thou art the governor among the nations,[n] so evident, that they may say among the heathen, The Lord reigneth;[o] that all men may fear, and may declare the works of God,[p] and may say, Verily, he is a God that judgeth in the earth.[q] Make all the kings of the earth

x Phil. 2. 10. *y* Col. 1. 18. *z* Joshua 7. 9.
a Joel 2. 28. *b* Col. 3. 16. *c* Psalm 46. 10.
d Psalm 57. 11. *e* Psalm 21. 13. *g* Isa. 64. 12. 14.
h 1 Chr. 17. 24. *i* 1 Chron. 29. 11. 12. *k* Ps. 145. 11, 13.
l Psalm 66. 7. *m* Psalm 66. 3. *n* Psalm 22. 28.
o Psalm 69. 10. *p* Psalm 64. 9. *q* Psalm 58. 11.

to know the heavens do rule, even that the Most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will, and to praise and to extol, and honor the King of heaven, all whose works are truth, and his ways judgment, and those that walk in pride he is able to abase.*r*

O let the kingdom of thy grace come more and more in the world,*s* that kingdom of God which cometh not with observation, that kingdom of God which is within men. Let it be like leaven in the world, diffusing its relish, till the whole be leavened, and like a grain of mustard seed, which, though it be the least of all seeds, yet, when it is grown, is the greatest among herbs.*t*

Let the kingdoms of the world become the kingdoms of the Lord, and of his Christ: take unto thyself thy great power, and reign, though the nations be angry.*v* Set up thy throne there where Satan's seat is;*w* let every thought be brought unto obedience to thee,*x* and let the law of thy kingdom be magnified and honourable.*y*

Let that kingdom of God, which is not in word but in power, be set up in all the churches of Christ:*z* send forth the rod of thy strength out of thy Zion, and rule by the beauty of holiness.*a*

Where the strong man armed hath long kept his palace, and his goods are in peace, let Christ, who is stronger than he, come upon him, and take from him all his armour wherein he trusted, and divide the spoil.*b*

O give to the Son of Man dominion and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations and languages may serve him, and the judgment may be given to the saints of the Most High.*c*

Let the kingdom of thy grace come more and more in our land, and the places where we live. There let the word of God have free course, and be glorified,*d* and let not the kingdom of God be taken from us, as we have deserved it should, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof.*e*

r Dan. 4 25, 26, 37. *s* Luke 17. 20, 21. *t* Matt. 13. 31, 32, 33.
v Rev. 11 15, 17. *w* Rev. 2. 13. *x* 2 Cor. 10. 5.
y Isa. 42 21. *z* 1 Cor. 4. 20. *a* Psalm 110. 2, 3.
b Luke 11. 21, 22. *c* Dan. 7. 14, 22. *d* 2 Thess. 3. 1.
e Matt. 21. 42.

Let the kingdom of thy grace come into our hearts, that they may be temples of the Holy Ghost.*g* Let no iniquity have dominion over us.*h* Overturn, overturn, overturn the power of corruption there, and let him come whose right our hearts are, and give them him ;*i* make us willing, more and more willing in the day of thy power.*k* Rule in us by the power of truth, that being of the truth, we may always hear Christ's voice.*l* and may not only call him Lord, Lord, but do the things that he saith.*m* And let the love of Christ command us, and constrain us,*n* and his fear be before our eyes, that we sin not.*o*

O let the kingdom of thy glory be hastened ; we believe it will come ; we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus,*p* to come in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory,*q* we hope that he shall appear to our joy ;*r* we love his appearing ;*s* we are looking for and hasting to the coming of the day of God ;*t* make us ready for it, that we may then lift up our heads with joy, knowing that our redemption draws nigh.*v* And, O that we may have such first fruits of the Spirit,*w* as that we ourselves may groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, even the redemption of our body :*x* and may have a desire to depart, and to be with Christ, which is best of all.*y*

Blessed Jesus, be with thy ministers and people (as thou hast said) always even unto the end of the world.*z* And then (as thou hast said) surely I come quickly ;*a* even so come, Lord Jesus, come quickly :*b* when the mystery of God shall be finished, make haste our beloved, and be thou like to a roe, or to a young hart, upon the mountains of spices.*c*

Thy will be done on Earth, as it is in Heaven.

And as an evidence that thy kingdom comes, and in order to the sanctifying of thy name, Father in heaven,

g 1 Cor. 3. 16. *h* Psalm 119. 133. *i* Ezek. 21. 27.
k Psalm 110. 3. *l* John 18. 37. *m* Luke 6. 46.
n 2 Cor. 5. 14. *o* Exod. 20. 20. *p* Phil. 3. 20.
q Matt. 24. 30. *r* Isa. 66. 5. *s* 2 Tim. 4. 8.
t 2 Pet. 3. 12. *v* Matt. 24. 44. *w* Luke 21. 28.
x Rom. 8. 23. *y* Phil. 1. 23. *z* Matt. 28. 20.
a Rev. 22. 20. *b* Rev. 10. 7. *c* Cant. 8. 14.

let thy holy will be done. We know, O Lord, that whatsoever thou pleasest, that thou dost in heaven and in earth, in the sea, and in all deep places :*d* thy counsel shall stand, and thou wilt do all thy pleasure :*e* even so be it, holy Father, not our will but thine be done.*g* As thou hast thought, so let it come to pass, and as thou hast purposed, let it stand.*h* Do all according to the counsel of thine own will.*i* Make even those to serve thy purposes that have not known thee, and that mean not so, neither doth their heart think so.*k*

Father, let thy will be done concerning us and ours :*l* behold, here we are ; it is the Lord, let him do to us as seemeth good unto him :*m* the will of the Lord be done.*n* O give us to submit to thy will in conformity to the example of the Lord Jesus, who said, Not as I will, but as thou wilt ;*o* and to say, The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away, blessed be the name of the Lord.*p* Shall we receive good at the hand of the Lord, and shall we not receive evil also.*q*

Father, let the scriptures be fulfilled :*r* the scriptures of the prophets, which cannot be broken.*s* Though heaven and earth pass away, let not one jot or tittle of thy word pass away.*t* Do what is written in the scriptures of truth ;*v* and let it appear that for ever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven.*w*

Lord, give grace to each of us to know and do the will of our Father which is in heaven.*x* This is the will of God, even our sanctification.*y* Now the God of peace sanctify us wholly :*z* O let us be filled with the knowledge of thy will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding,*a* and make us perfect in every good work to do thy will.*b* O let the time past of our life suffice us to have wrought the will of the flesh,*c* and to have walked according to the course of this world.*u* And from hence-

d Psalm 135. 6. *e* Isa. 46. 10. *g* Luke 22. 42.
h Isa. 45. 4. *i* Eph. 1. 12. *k* Isa. 10. 7.
l 1 Sam. 3. 18. *m* 2 Sam. 15. 26. *n* Acts 21. 14.
o Matt. 24. 39. *p* Job 1. 21. *q* Job 2. 10.
r Matt. 26. 56. *s* John 10. 35. *t* Matt. 24. 35.
v Dan. 10. 20. *w* Psalm 119. 89. *x* Matt. 12. 50.
y 1 Thess. 4. 3. *z* 1 Thess. 5. 23. *a* Col. 1. 9.
b Heb. 13. 21. *c* 1 Pet. 4. 3. *u* Eph. 2. 3.

forth grant that it may always be our meat and drink to do the will of our Father, and to finish his work;*e* not to do our own will,*g* but his that sent us,*h* that we may be of those that shall enter into the kingdom of heaven, and not those that shall be beaten with many stripes.*i*

Lord, give grace to others also to know and do thy will; to prove what is the good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God,*k* not to be unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is;*l* and then give them to stand perfect and complete in all the will of God:*m* And let us all serve our generations according to that will.*n*

And when we have done the will of God, let us inherit the promises;*o* and let that part of the will of God be done; Lord, let the word which thou hast spoken concerning thy servants be established for ever, and do as thou hast said.*p*

We rejoice that thy will is done in heaven: that the holy angels do thy commandments, and always hearken to the voice of thy word;*q* that they always behold the face of our Father.*r* And we lament it, that thy will is so little done on earth, so many of the children of men being led captive by satan at his will.*s* O that this earth may be made more like to heaven! and saints more like to the holy angels! and that we who hope to be shortly as the angels of God in heaven,*t* may now, like them, not rest from praising him;*v* may now, like them, resist and withstand satan;*w* may be as a flame of fire,*x* and fly swiftly, and may go straight forward whithersoever the Spirit goes,*y* may minister for the good of others,*z* and thus may come into communion with the innumerable company of angels.*a*

Give us this day our daily bread.

Thou, O God, who hast appointed us to seek first the kingdom of God, and the righteousness thereof, hast

e John 4. 34. *g* John 6. 38. *h* Matt. 7. 21.
i Luke 12. 47. *k* Rom. 12. 2. *l* Eph. 5. 17.
m Col. 4. 12. *n* Acts 13. 36. *o* Heb. 10. 36.
p 1 Chron. 17. 23. *q* Psalm 103. 20. *r* Matt. 18. 10.
s 2 Tim. 2. 26. *t* Matt. 22. 30. *v* Rev. 4. 8.
w Dan. 10. 13. *x* Psalm 104. 4. *y* Dan. 9. 21. Ezek. 1. 9, 12.
z Heb. 1. 14. *a* Heb. 12. 22.

promised that if we do so, other things shall be added unto us: *a* and therefore having prayed for the sanctifying of thy name, the coming of thy kingdom, and the doing of thy will, we next pray, Father in heaven, give us this day, and day by day, our daily bread. *b*

Remove far from us vanity and lies; give us neither poverty nor riches; feed us with food convenient for us, lest we be full and deny thee, and say, Who is the Lord? or lest we be poor and steal, and take the name of our God in vain. *c*

Lord, we ask not for dainties, for they are deceitful meat; *d* nor do we pray that we may fare sumptuously every day; for we would not in our life time receive our good things; *e* but we pray for that bread which is necessary to strengthen man's heart. *g* We desire not to eat the bread of deceit, *h* nor to drink any stolen waters, *i* nor would we eat the bread of idleness, *k* but that if it be thy will we may eat the labour of our own hands, that with quietness we may work, and eat of our own bread; *l* and having food and raiment, *m* give us to be therewith content, *n* and to say, we have all, and abound. *o*

Bless, Lord, our substance, and accept the work of our hands; *p* and give us wherewithal to provide for our own, even for those of our own house, *q* and to leave an inheritance, as far as is just to our children's children. *r* Let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us, prosper thou the work of our hands upon us, yea the work of our hands establish thou it. *s* Bless, Lord, our land with the precious things of the earth, and the fulness thereof; but above all let us have the good-will of him that dwelt in the bush, even the blessing that was upon the head of Joseph, and upon the crown of the head of him that was separated from his brethren. *t*

But if the fig-tree should not blossom, and there should be no fruit in the vine; if the labour of the olive should fail, and the fields should yield no meat; if the

a Matt. 6. 33. *b* Luke 11. 3. *c* Prov. 30. 8, 9.
d Prov. 22. 3. *e* Luke 16. 19, 25. *g* Psalm 104. 15.
h Prov. 20. 17. *i* Prov. 9. 17. *k* Prov. 31. 27.
l Psalm 128. 2. *m* 2 Thess. 3. 12. *n* 1 Tim. 6. 9.
o Phil. 4. 18. *p* Deut. 33. 11. *q* 1 Tim. 5. 8.
r Prov. 13. 22. *s* Psalm 90. 17. *t* Deut. 33. 13, 16.

flock should be cut off from the fold, and there should be no herd in the stall, yet let us have grace to rejoice in the Lord, and to joy in the God of our salvation.*a*

Father, we ask not for bread for a great while to come, but that we may have this day our daily bread; for we would learn, and the Lord teach us not to take thought for the morrow, what we shall eat, or what we shall drink, or wherewithal we shall be clothed, but we cast the care upon thee, our heavenly Father, who knowest that we have need of all these things; who feedest the fowls of the air, though they sow not, neither do they reap, and wilt much more feed us,*b* who are of more value than many sparrows.*c*

Nor do we pray for daily bread for ourselves only, but for others also. O satisfy thy poor with bread:*d* Let all that walk righteously and speak uprightly dwell on high: Let the place of their defence be the munition of rocks, let bread be given to them, and let their waters be sure.*e*

And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.

And, Lord, as duly as we pray every day for our daily bread, we pray for the forgiveness of our sins: For we are all guilty before God, have all sinned, and have come short of the glory of God.*g* In many things we all offend every day:*h* who can tell how oft he offends?*i* If thou shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand? But there is forgiveness with thee that thou mayest be feared.*k* God be merciful to us sinners.

We have wasted our Lord's goods,*l* we have buried the talents we were entrusted with,*m* nor have we rendered again according to the benefit done unto us, and thus we came to be in debt.*n* The scripture has concluded us all under sin;*o* we have done such things as are worthy of death; things for which the wrath of God comes upon the children of disobedience.*p* Our debt is

a Hab. 3. 17, 18. *b* Matt. 6. 31. 32. *c* Matt. 10. 31.
d Psalm 132. 15. *e* Isa. 33. 15, 16. *g* Rom. 3. 19, 13.
h James 3. 2. *i* Psalm 19. 12. *k* Psalm 130. 3, 4.
l Luke 16. 1. *m* Matt. 25. 18. *n* 2 Chron. 22, 25.
o Gal. 3, 22. *p* Rom. 1. 32.

more than ten thousand talents.*a* It is a great debt; and we have nothing to pay, so far are we from being able to say,* Have patience with us, and we will pay thee all.*b* Justly therefore might our adversary deliver us to the judge, and the judge to the officer, to be cast into prison, the prison of hell, till we should pay the last farthing.*c*

But blessed be God, there is a way found out of agreeing with our adversary; for if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, even Jesus Christ the righteous, and he is the propitiation for our sins.*d* For his sake, we pray thee, blot out all our transgressions,*e* and enter not into judgment with us.*g* He is our surety,*h* who restored that which he took not away,*i* that blessed days-man, who hath laid his hand upon us both,*k* through him let us be reconciled unto God; and let the handwriting which was against,*l* which was contrary to us, be blotted out, and taken out of the way, being nailed to the cross of Christ, that we may be quickened together with Christ, having all our trespasses forgiven us.*m* Be thou merciful to our unrighteousnesses, and our sins and our iniquities do thou remember no more.*n*

And give us, we pray thee, to receive the atonement,*o* to know that our sins are forgiven us:*p* Speak peace to us,*q* and make us to hear joy and gladness.*r* Let the blood of Christ thy Son, cleanse us from all sin,*s* and purge our consciences from dead works, to serve the living God.*t*

And as an evidence that thou hast forgiven our sins, we pray thee give us grace to forgive our enemies, to love them that hate us, and bless them that curse us;*v* for we acknowledge, that if we forgive not men their trespasses, neither will our Father forgive our trespasses:*w* and therefore, we forgive, Lord, we desire heartily to forgive,*x* if we have a quarrel against any, even as Christ forgave us.*y* Far be it from us to say,

a Eph. 5. 6. *b* Matt. 18. 24, 25, 26, 29. *c* Matt. 5. 25, 29.
d 1 John 2. 1, 2. *e* Psalm 51. 1. *g* Psalm 143. 2.
h Heb. 7. 22. *i* Psalm 69. 4. *k* Job 6. 33.
l 2 Cor. 5. 20. *m* Col. 2. 13, 14. *n* Heb. 8. 2.
o Rom. 5. 11. *p* 1 John 2. 13. *q* Psalm 85. 8.
r Psalm 51. 8. *s* 1 John 1. 7. *t* Heb. 9. 14.
v Matt. 5. 42. *w* Matt. 6. 15. *x* Mark 11. 25.
y Col. 3. 13.

that we will recompense evil,*a* or that we should avenge ourselves.*b* But we pray that all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking may be put away from us, with all malice; and that we may be kind one to another, and tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake, we hope, hath forgiven us.*c* O make us merciful as our Father who is in heaven is merciful,*d* who hath promised that with the merciful he will show himself merciful.*e*

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

And, Lord, forasmuch as there is in us a bent to backslide from thee, so that when our sins are forgiven,*g* we are ready to return again to folly,*h* we pray that thou wilt not only forgive us our debts, but take care of us; that we may not offend any more.*i* Lord, lead us not into temptation. We know that no man can say when he is tempted, that he is tempted of God, for God tempteth not any man;*k* but we know that God is able to make all grace abound towards us,*l* and to keep us from falling, and present us faultless.*m* We therefore pray that thou wilt never give us up to our own heart's lust, to walk in our own counsels,*n* but restrain satan, that roaring lion that goes about seeking whom he may devour; and grant that we may not be ignorant of his devices.*o* O let not satan have us to sift us as wheat;*p* or however, let not our faith fail.*q* Let not the messengers of satan be permitted to buffet us;*r* but if they be, let thy grace be sufficient for us, that where we are weak there we may be strong, and may be more than conquerors through him that loved us.*s* And, the God of peace tread satan under our feet, and do it shortly. And since *t* we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities and powers, and the rulers of the darkness of this world, let us be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.*v*

a Prov. 20. 22. *b* Rom. 12. 19. *c* Eph. 4. 31, 32.
d Matt. 5. 7. *e* Psalm 18. 25. *g* Hos. 11. 7.
h Psalm 85. 8. *i* Job 34. 32. *k* James 1. 13.
l 2 Cor. 9. 8. *m* Jude 24. *n* Psalm 81. 12.
o 1 Pet. 5. 8. *p* 2 Cor. 2. 11. *q* Luke 22. 31, 32.
r 2 Cor. 12. 7, 9, 10. *s* Rom. 8. 37. *t* Rom. 16. 20.
v Eph. 6. 10, 12.

Lord, grant that we may never enter into temptation,*x* but having prayed may set a watch,*y* and let thy wise and good providence so order all our affairs, and all events that are concerning us, that no temptation may take us, but such as is common to men, and that we may never be tempted above what we are able to discern, resist, and overcome through the grace of God.*z* Lord, do not lay any stumbling-block before us,*a* that we should fall upon them and perish.*b* Let nothing be an occasion of falling to us, but give us that great peace which they have that love thy law, whom nothing shall offend.*c*

And lead us, we pray thee, into all truth;*d* lead us in thy truth, and teach us, for thou art the God of our salvation.*e* Show us thy ways, O God, and teach us thy paths, the paths of righteousness; O lead us in those paths for thy name's sake, that so we may be led beside the still waters.*g*

And deliver us, we pray thee, from the evil one;*h* keep us that the wicked one touch us not, that he sow not his tares in the field of our hearts,*i* that we be not ensnared by his wiles, or wounded by his fiery darts,*k* let the word of God abide in us, that we may be strong, and may overcome the wicked one.*l*

Deliver us from every evil thing, we pray, that we may do no evil:*m* O deliver us from every evil work,*n* save us from our sins,*o* redeem us from all iniquity,*p* especially the sin that doth most easily beset us:*q* Hide pride from us;*r* remove from us the way of lying;*s* let us not eat of sinner's dainties:*t* incline our hearts to thy testimonies, and not to covetousness;*u* and keep us that we never speak unadvisedly with our lips.*v* But especially keep back thy servant from presumptuous sins, let them not have dominion over us.*w*

x Matt. 26, 41. *y* Neh. 4. 9. *z* 1 Cor. 10. 31.
a Jer. 6. 21. *b* Rom. 14. 14. *c* Psalm 119. 165.
d John 16. 13. *e* Psalm 25. 4, 5. *g* Psalm 23. 2, 3.
h 1 John 5. 18. *i* Matt. 13. 25. *k* Eph. 6. 11. 16.
l 1 John 2. 14. *m* 2 Cor. 13. 7. *n* 2 Tim. 4. 18.
o Matt. 1. 21. *p* Titus 2. 14. *q* Heb. 12. 1.
r Job 33. 17. *s* Psalm 119. 29. *t* Psalm 141. 4.
u Psalm 119. 36. *v* Psalm 106. 33. *w* Psalm 19. 13.

Preserve us, we pray thee, that no evil thing may befal us,*r* and keep us from evil, that it may not hurt us.*s* O thou that savest by thy right hand them which put their trust in thee, from those that rise up against them, show us thy marvellous loving kindness, and keep us as the apple of thine eye, hide us under the shadow of thy wings.*t* Keep that which we commit unto thee.*v* Thou that hast delivered, dost deliver,*w* and we trust and pray that thou wilt yet deliver, wilt deliver us from all our fears.*x* O make us to dwell safely, and grant that we may be quiet from the fear of evil.*y* And bring us safe at last to thy holy mountain, where there is no pricking briar, or grieving thorn, nothing to hurt or destroy.*z*

For thine is the Kingdom, the Power, and the Glory, for ever. Amen.

Father in heaven, let thy kingdom come, for thine is the kingdom, thou art God in heaven, and rulest over all the kingdoms of the heathen :*a* Let thy will be done, for thine is the power,*b* and there is nothing too hard for thee: Let thy name be sanctified, for thine is the glory, and thou hast set thy glory above the heavens.*c*

Father in heaven, supply our wants, pardon our sins, and preserve us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, and thou art Lord over all, who art rich to all that call upon thee :*d* None can forgive sins but thou only ;*e* let thy power be great in pardoning our sins :*g* And since it is the glory of God to pardon sin, and to help the helpless,*h* help us, O God of our salvation; for the glory of thy name deliver us, and purge away our sins, for thy name's sake.*i*

We desire in all our prayers to praise thee, for thou art great, and greatly to be praised.*k* We praise thy kingdom, for it is an everlasting kingdom, and endures through-

r Psalm 91. 10. *s* Psalm 122. 7. *t* Psalm 17. 7, 8.
v 2 Tim. 1. 12. *w* 2 Cor. 1. 10. *x* Psalm 34. 4.
y Prov. 1. 33. *z* Ezek. 28. 24. Isa. 11. 9.
a 2 Chron. 20. 6. *b* Jer. 32. 17. *c* Psalm 8. 1.
d Rom. 10. 12. *e* Mark 2. 7. *g* Numb. 14. 17.
h Prov. 25. 2. *i* Psalm 79, 9. *k* Psalm 145. 3.

out all generations,*l* and the sceptre of thy kingdom is a right sceptre:*m* Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest wickedness: To thee belongeth mercy, and thou renderest to every man according to his works.*n* We praise thy power, for thou hast a mighty arm, strong is thy hand, and high is thy right hand, and yet judgment and justice are the habitation of thy throne, mercy and truth shall go before thy face.*o* We praise thy glory, for the glory of the Lord shall endure for ever. Glory be to the Father, to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be.*p* O let God be praised in his sanctuary, and praised in the firmament of his power; let him be praised for his mighty acts, and praised according to his excellent greatness. Let every thing that hath breath praise the Lord.*q* Hallelujah.

And forasmuch as we know that he heareth us, and whatsoever we ask according to his will, in faith, we have the petitions that we desired of him,*r* we will triumph in his praise.*s* Now know we that the Lord heareth his anointed,*t* and for his sake will hear us from his holy heaven, with the saving strength of his right hand; and therefore in token not only of our desire, but of our assurance to be heard in Christ's name, we say, *Amen, Amen.*

Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, &c.

CHAP. IX.

Some short forms of prayer, for the use of those who may not be able to collect for themselves out of the foregoing Materials.

A Prayer to be used by children.

O God, thou art my God, early will I seek thee. Thou art my God, and I will praise thee; my father's God, and I will extol thee.

l Psalm 145. 13. *m* Psalm 45. 6, 7. *n* Psalm 62. 12.
o Psalm 89. 13, 14. *p* Psalm 104. 31. *q* Psalm 150. 1, 2, 6.
r 1 John 5. 15. *s* Psalm 106. 47. *t* Psalm 20. 6.

Who is a God like unto thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders?

Whom have I in heaven but thee? and there is none upon earth that I desire besides thee. When my flesh and my heart fail, thou art the strength of my heart, and portion for ever.

Thou madest me for thyself, to shew forth thy praise.

But I am a sinner; I was shapen in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.

God be merciful to me a sinner.

O deliver me from the wrath to come, through Jesus, who died for me, and rose again.

Lord, give me a new nature. Let Jesus Christ be formed in my soul, that to me to live may be Christ, and to die may be gain.

Lord, I was in my baptism given up to thee; receive me graciously, and love me freely.

Lord Jesus, thou hast encouraged little children to come to thee, and hast said, that of such is the kingdom of God; I come to thee; O make me a faithful subject of thy kingdom, take me up in thy arms, put thy hands upon me, and bless me.

O give me grace to redeem me from all iniquity, and particularly from the vanity which childhood and youth is subject to.

Lord, give me a wise and an understanding heart, that I may know and do thy will in every thing, and may in nothing sin against thee.

Lord, grant that from my childhood I may know the holy scriptures, and may continue in the good things that I have learned.

Remove from me the way of lying, and grant me thy law graciously.

Lord, be thou a Father to me; teach me and guide me; provide for me, and protect me, and bless me, even me, O my Father.

Bless all my relations, (father, mother, brothers, sisters,) and give me grace to do my duty to them in every thing.

Lord, prepare me for death, and give me wisely to consider my latter end.

O Lord, I thank thee for all thy mercies to me; for life and health, food and raiment, and for my education; for my creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life: but above all for thine inestimable love in the means of grace, and the hopes of glory.

Thanks be to God for his unspeakable gift; blessed be God for JESUS CHRIST. None but Christ, none but Christ for me.

Now to God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, that great name into which I was baptised, be honour and glory, dominion and praise, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Our Father which art in heaven, &c.

Another Paraphrase on the Lord's Prayer, in the Word's of the Assembly's Shorter Catechism:

OUR Father in heaven, we come to thee as children to a Father able and ready to help us.

We beseech thee, let thy name be sanctified; enable us and others to glorify thee in all that whereby thou hast made thyself known, and dispose of all things to thine own glory.

Let thy kingdom come; let Satan's kingdom be destroyed, and let the kingdom of thy grace be advanced; let us and others be brought into it, and kept in it, and let the kingdom of thy glory be hastened.

Let thy will be done on earth as it is done in heaven; make us by thy grace able and willing to know, obey, and submit to thy will in all things as the angels do in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; of thy free gift let us receive a competent portion of the good things of this life, and let us enjoy thy blessing with them.

And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive them that trespass against us. We pray that for Christ's sake thou wouldst freely pardon all our sins, and that by thy grace thou wouldst enable us from the heart to forgive others.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Either keep us, O Lord, from being tempted to sin, or support and deliver us when we are tempted.

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever. Lord, we take our encouragement in prayer from thyself only, and desire in our prayers to praise thee, ascribing kingdom, power, and glory, to thee: And in testimony of our desires and assurance to be heard through Jesus Christ, we say *Amen.*

Another Prayer drawn out of my plain Catechism for Children, *(which was first published in the Year 1703) which will be easy to those Children who have learned that Catechism.*

O Lord, thou art an infinite and eternal Spirit, most wise and powerful, holy, just, and good.

Thou art the great God that madest the world, and art my Creator; and thou that madest me dost preserve and maintain me, and in thee I live and move and have my being. O that I may remember thee as my Creator in the days of my youth, and never forget thee.

Lord, give me grace to serve and honour thee, to worship and obey thee, and in all my ways to trust in thee, and to please thee.

Lord, I thank thee for thy holy word, which thou hast given me to be the rule of my faith and obedience, and which is able to make me wise unto salvation.

I confess, O Lord, that the condition which I was born in is sinful and miserable. I am naturally prone to that which is evil, and backward to that which is good, and foolishness is bound up in my heart; and I am by nature a child of wrath, so that if thou hadst not raised up a Saviour for me, I had been certainly lost and undone for ever. I have been disobedient to the command of God, and have eaten forbidden fruit.

But blessed, and for ever blessed be God, for the Saviour Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, and the only Mediator between God and man, who took our nature upon him, and became man, that he might redeem and save us.

Lord, I bless thee for his holy life, give me to follow his steps; I bless thee for the true and excellent doctrine

which he preached, give me to mix faith with it; I bless thee for the miracles which he wrought to confirm his doctrine: And especially that he died the cursed death of the cross to satisfy for sin, and to reconcile us to God; and that he rose again from the dead on the third day, and ascended up into heaven, where he ever lives, making intercession for us, and hath all power both in heaven and in earth: and that we are assured he will come again in glory to judge the world at the last day.

Lord, I thank thee that I am one of his disciples; for I am a baptized Christian; and I give glory to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, in whose name I was baptized.

Lord, be thou in Christ to me a God, and make me one of thy people.

Be thou my chief good, and highest end; let Jesus Christ be my Prince and Saviour, and let the Holy Ghost be my sanctifier, teacher, guide and comforter.

Lord, enable me to deny all ungodliness, and worldly fleshly lusts, and live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world, always looking for the blessed hope.

Work in me repentance towards God, and faith towards our Lord Jesus Christ: and give me to live a *life* of faith and repentance.

Lord, make me truly sorry that I have offended thee in what I have thought, and spoken, and done amiss, and give me grace to sin no more.

And enable me to receive Jesus Christ, and to rely upon him as my prophet, priest, and king, and to give up myself to be ruled and taught, and saved by him.

Lord, grant unto me the pardon of my sins, the gift of the Holy Ghost, and eternal life.

And give me grace to manifest the sincerity of my faith and repentance, by a diligent and conscientious obedience to all thy commandments.

Enable me to love thee with all my heart, and to love my neighbour as myself.

Give me grace always to make mention of thy name with reverence and seriousness, to read and hear thy word with diligence and attention, to meditate upon it, to believe it, and to frame my life according to it.

Lord, grant that I may receive all thy mercies with

thankfulness, and bear all afflictions with patience and submission to thy holy will.

Lord, grant that my heart may never be lifted up with pride, disturbed with anger, or any sinful passion; and that my body may never be defiled with intemperance, uncleanness, or any fleshly lusts; and keep me from ever speaking any sinful words.

Lord, give me grace to reverence and obey my parents and governors; I thank thee for their instructions and reproofs: I pray thee bless them to me, and make me in every thing a comfort to them.

Lord, pity, help, and succour the poor, and those in affliction and distress.

Lord, bless my friends, forgive my enemies, and enable me to do my duty to all men.

Wherein I have in any thing offended thee, I humbly pray for pardon in the blood of Christ, and grace to do my duty better for the time to come, and so live in the fear of God, as that I may be happy in this world, and that to come.

Lord, prepare me to die, and leave this world; O save me from that state of everlasting misery and torment, which will certainly be the portion of all the wicked and ungodly, and bring me safe to the world of everlasting rest and joy with thee and Jesus Christ.

And give me wisdom and grace to live a holy, godly life, and to make it my great care and business to serve thee, and to save my own soul.

All this I humbly beg in the name, and for the sake of Jesus Christ, my blessed Saviour and Redeemer, to whom with thee, O Father, and the eternal Spirit, be honour, glory, and praise, henceforth and for evermore. *Amen.*

A Morning Prayer for a Family.

O Lord our God, we desire with all humility and reverence to adore thee, as a being infinitely bright, and blessed, and glorious; thou hast all perfection in thyself, and art the fountain of all being, power, life, motion, and perfection,

Thou art good to all, and thy tender mercies are over

all thy works; and thou art continually doing us good, though we are evil and unthankful.

We reckon it an unspeakable privilege, that we have liberty of access to thee through Jesus Christ, and leave to call thee our Father in him. O look upon us now, and be merciful to us, as thou usest to do unto those that love thy name.

O give us all to account our daily worship of thee in our family, the most needful part of our daily comforts: Thou art the God of all the families of Israel, be thou the God of our family, and grant, whatever others do, we and ours may always serve the Lord; that thou mayest cause the blessing to rest on our house, from the beginning of the year to the end of it. Lord, bless us, and we are blessed indeed.

We humbly thank thee for all the mercies of this night past, and this morning, that we have laid us down and slept, and waked again, because thou hast sustained us; that no plague has come nigh our dwelling; but that we are brought in safety to the light and comforts of another day.

It is of thy mercies, O Lord, that we are not consumed, even because thy compassions fail not; they are new every morning, great is thy faithfulness.

We have rested and are refreshed, when many have been full of tossings to and fro till the dawning of the day: we have a safe and quiet habitation, when many are forced to wander and lie exposed.

We own thy goodness to us, and ourselves we acknowledge less than the least of all the mercy, and of all the truth thou hast showed unto us.

We confess we have sinned against thee, we are guilty before thee, we have sinned, and have come short of the glory of God: we have corrupt and sinful natures, and are bent to backslide from thee; backward to good, and prone to evil continually.

Vain thoughts come into us, and lodge within us, lying down or rising up, and they defile or disquiet our minds, and keep out our good thoughts. We are too apt to burden ourselves with that care which thou hast encouraged us to cast upon thee.

We are very much wanting in the duties of our particular relations, and provoke one another more to folly and passion, than to love and to good works. We are very cold and defective in our love to God, weak in our desires towards him, and unsteady and uneven in our walking with him; and are at this time much out of frame for his service.

We pray thee forgive all our sins, for Christ's sake, and be at peace with us in him who died to make peace, and ever lives, making intercession.

There be many that say, who will shew us any good? but, Lord, let us not be put off with the good of this world for a portion: For this is our heart's desire and prayer, Lord, lift up the light of thy countenance upon us, and that shall put gladness into our hearts, more than they have, whose corn, and wine, and oil increaseth.

Lord, let thy peace rule in our hearts, and give law to us, and let thy peace keep our hearts and minds, and give comfort to us, and let the consolations of God, which are neither few nor small, be our strength and our song in the house of our pilgrimage.

Lord, we commit ourselves to thy care and keeping this day: Watch over us for good; compass us about with thy favour as with a shield; preserve us from all evil, yea, the Lord preserve and keep our souls; preserve our going out and coming in.

Our bodies and all our wordly affairs we commit to the conduct of thy wise and gracious providence, and submit to its disposals. Let no hurt or harm happen to us; keep us in health and safety; bless our employments, prosper us in all our lawful undertakings, and give us comfort and success in them. Let us eat the labour of our hands, and let it be well with us.

Our precious souls and all their concerns we commit to the government of thy Spirit and grace. O let thy grace be mighty in us, and sufficient for us, and let it work in us both to will and to do that which is good, of thine own good pleasure.

O give us grace to do the work of this day in its day, according as the duty of the day requires; and to do even common actions after a godly sort, acknowledging thee

in all our ways, and having our eyes ever up to thee, and be thou pleased to direct our steps.

Lord, keep us from sin, give us rule over our own spirits, and grant that we may not this day break out into passion upon provocation, or speak unadvisedly with our lips: Give us grace to live together in peace and holy love, that the Lord may command the blessing upon us, even life evermore. Make us conscientious in all our dealings, and always watchful against sin, as becomes those who see thine eye ever upon us: Arm us against every temptation, uphold us in our integrity, keep us in the way of our duty, and grant that we may be in thy fear every day, and all the day long.

In every doubtful case, let our way be made plain before us, and give us that wisdom of the prudent, which is at all times profitable to direct, and let integrity and uprightness preserve us, for we wait on thee.

Sanctify to us all our losses, crosses, afflictions, and disappointments, and give us grace to submit to thy holy will in them, and let us find it good for us to be afflicted, that we may be partakers of thy holiness.

Prepare us for all the events of this day, for we know not what a day may bring forth: Give us to stand complete in thy holy will, to deny ourselves, to take up our cross daily, and to follow Jesus Christ.

Lord, fit us for death, and judgment, and eternity, and give us grace to live every day as those that do not know but it may be our last day.

Lord, plead thy cause in the world, build up thy church into perfect beauty; set up the throne of the exalted Redeemer in all places upon the ruins of the devil's kingdom.

Let the reformed churches be more and more reformed, and let every thing that is amiss be amended, and let those that suffer for righteousness sake, be supported and delivered.

Do us good in these nations; bless the king and all in authority, guide public counsels and affairs, overrule all to thine own glory; let peace and truth be in our days, and be preserved to those that shall come after us.

Be gracious to all our relations, friends, neighbours, and acquaintance, and do them good according as their

necessities are. Supply the wants of all thy people. Dwell in the families that fear thee, and call upon thy name. Forgive our enemies, and those that hate us; give us a right and charitable frame of spirit towards all men, and all that is theirs.

Visit those that are in affliction, and comfort them, and be unto them a very present help. Recover the sick, ease the pained, succour the tempted, relieve the oppressed, and give joy to those that mourn in Zion.

Do with us and our family according to the tenure of the everlasting covenant, which is well ordered in all things and sure, and which is all our salvation, and all our desire; however it pleaseth God to deal with us and with our house.

Now blessed be God for all his gifts both of nature and grace, for those that concern this life and that to come; especially for Jesus Christ the fountain and foundation of all, thanks be to God for his unspeakable gift.

We humbly beseech thee, for Christ Jesus' sake, to pardon our sins, accept our services, and grant an answer of peace to our prayers, even for his sake who died for us, and rose again, who hath taught us to pray, *Our Father which art in heaven, &c.*

An Evening Prayer for a Family.

Most holy, and blessed, and glorious Lord God, whose we are, and whom we are bound to serve; for, because thou madest us, and not we ourselves, therefore we are not our own, but thine, and unto thee, O Lord, do we lift up our souls; thy face, O Lord, do we seek, whither shall we go for happiness, but to thee, from whom we derive our being?

Thou art the great benefactor of the whole creation, thou givest to all life and breath and all things: thou art our benefactor, the God that hast fed us, and kept us all our life long unto this day. Having obtained help of God, we continue hitherto monuments of sparing mercy, and witnesses for thee that thou art gracious, that thou art God and not man; for therefore it is that we are not cut off.

One day tells another, and one night certifies to another, that thou art good, and dost good, and never failest those that seek thee, and trust in thee. Thou makest the outgoings of the morning and of the evening to praise thee.

It is through the good hand of our God upon us, that we are brought in safety to the close of another day, and that after the various employments of the day, we come together at night to mention the loving-kindness of the Lord, and the praises of our God, who is good, and whose mercy endureth for ever.

Blessed be the Lord, who daily loads us with his benefits, even the God of our salvation; for he that is our God is the God of salvation. We have from thee the mercies of the day in its day, according as the necessity of the day requires, though we come far short of doing the work of the day in its day, according as the duty of the day requires.

We bless thee for the ministration of the good angels about us, the serviceableness of the inferior creatures to us, for our bodily health and ease, comfort in our relations, and a comfortable place of abode, that thou hast not made the wilderness our habitation, and the barren land our dwelling; and especially that thou continuest to us the use of our reason, and the quiet and peace of our consciences.

We bless thee for our share in the public tranquility, that thou hast given us a good land, in which we dwell safely under our own vines and fig-trees.

Above all, we bless thee for Jesus Christ, and his mediation between God and man, for the covenant of grace made with us in him, and all the exceeding great and precious promises and privileges of that covenant, for the throne of grace erected for us, to which we may in his name come with humble boldnes, and for the hope of eternal life through him.

We confess we have sinned against thee; this day we have sinned and done foolishly; O God, thou knowest our foolishness, and our sins are not hid from thee; we mispend our time, we neglect our duty, we follow after lying vanities, and forsake our own mercies. We offend

with our tongues: are we not carnal and walk as men, below Christians? Who can understand his errors? Cleanse us from our secret faults.

We pray thee give us repentance for our sins of daily infirmity, and make us duly sensible of the evil of them, and of our danger by them, and let the blood of Christ, thy Son, which cleanseth from all sin, cleanse us from it, that we may lie down to-night at peace with God, and our souls may comfortably return to him, and repose in him as our rest.

And give us grace to repent every day for the sins of every day, so that when we come to die, we may have the sins but of one day to repent of, and so we may be continually easy.

Do us good by all the providences we are under, merciful or afflictive; give us grace to accommodate ourselves to them, and by all bring us nearer to thee, and make us fitter for thee.

We commit ourselves to thee this night, and desire to dwell in the secret place of the Most High, and to abide under the shadow of the Almighty. Let the Lord be our habitation, and let our souls be at home in him.

Make a hedge of protection (we pray thee) about us, and about our house, and about all that we have round about, that no evil may befal us, nor any plague come nigh our dwelling. The Lord be our keeper, who neither slumbers nor sleeps: Lord, be thou a sun and a shield to us.

Refresh our bodies (we pray thee) with quiet and comfortable rest, not to be disturbed with any distrustful disquieting cares and fears, but especially let our souls be refreshed with thy love, and the light of thy countenance, and thy benignity, which is better than life.

When we awake grant that we may be still with thee, and may remember thee upon our beds, and meditate upon thee in the night watches, and may improve the silence and solitude of our retirements for communion with God and our own hearts: that when we are alone, we may not be alone, but God may be with us, and we with him.

Restore us to another day in safety, and prepare us for the duties and events of it, and by all supports and comforts of this life, let our bodies be fitted to serve our souls in thy service, and enable us to glorify thee with both, remembering that we are not our own, we are bought with a price.

And forasmuch as we are now brought one day nearer our end, Lord, enable us so to number our days, as that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom: Let us be minded by our putting off our clothes, and going to sleep in our beds, of putting off the body, sleeping the sleep of death, and of making our bed in the darkness shortly, that we may be daily dying in expectation of it, and preparation for our change, that when we come to die indeed it may be no surprise or terror to us, but we may with comfort put off the body, and resign the spirit, knowing whom we have trusted.

Lord, let our family be blessed in him, in whom all the families of the earth are blessed, blessed with all spiritual blessings in heavenly things, by Christ Jesus, and with temporal blessings as far as thou seest good for us: Give us health and prosperity, but especially let our souls prosper and be in health, and let all that belong to us belong to Christ, that we who live in a house together on earth, may be together for ever with the Lord.

Look with pity upon a lost world, we beseech thee, and set up Christ's throne there where satan's seat is; send the gospel where it is not, make it successful where it is; let it be mighty through God to the pulling down of the strong holds of sin.

Let the church of Christ greatly flourish in all places, and make it to appear that it is built upon a rock, and that the gates of hell cannot prevail against it: and suffer not the rod of the wicked any where to rest upon the lot of the righteous.

Let the land of our nativity be still the particular care of thy good providence, that in the peace thereof we may have peace. Let glory dwell in our land, and upon all the glory let there be a defence.

Rule in the hearts of our rulers. We pray thee continue the king's life and government long a public bles-

sing, make all that are in places of public trust faithful to the public interest, and all that bear the sword, a terror to evil doers and a protection and praise to them that do well. Own thy ministers in their work, and give them skill and will to help souls to heaven.

Be gracious to all that are dear to us: Let the rising generation be such as thou wilt own, and do thee more and better service in their day than this has done.

Comfort and relieve all that are in sorrow or affliction; lay no more upon them than thou wilt enable them to bear, and enable them to bear what thou dost lay upon them.

Do for us, we pray thee, abundantly above what we are able to ask or think, for the sake of our blessed Saviour Jesus Christ, who is the Lord our Righteousness. To him with the Father and the eternal Spirit, be glory and praise now and for ever. *Amen.*

A Family Prayer for the Lord's Day Morning.

MOST gracious God, and our Father in our Lord Jesus Christ, it is good for us to draw near to thee, the nearer the better, and it will be best of all when we come to be nearest of all in the kingdom of glory.

Thou hast thy being of thyself, and thy happiness in thyself: We therefore adore thee as the great Jehovah: We have our being from thee, and our happiness in thee, and therefore it is both our duty and our interest to seek thee, to implore thy favour, and to give unto thee the glory due unto thy name.

We bless thee for the return of the morning light, and that thou causest the day-spring to know its place and time. O let the day-spring from on high visit our dark souls, and the Sun of Righteousness arise with healing under his wings.

We bless thee that the light we see is the Lord's: that this is the day which the Lord hath made, hath made for man, hath made for himself, we will rejoice and be glad in it: that thou hast revealed unto us thy holy sabbaths, and that we were betimes taught to put a differ-

ence between this day and other days, and that we live in a land, in all parts of which God is publicly and solemnly worshipped on this day.

We bless thee that sabbath liberties and opportunities are continued to us; and that we are not wishing in vain for these days of the Son of Man; that our candlestick is not removed out of its place, as justly it might have been, because we have left our first love.

Now we bid this sabbath welcome; hosanna to the Son of David, blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest. O that we may be in the spirit on the Lord's day; that this may be the sabbath of the Lord in our dwelling; in our hearts a sabbath of rest from sin, and a sabbath of rest in God. Enable us we pray thee, so to sanctify this sabbath, as that it may be sanctified to us, and be a means of our sanctification: that by resting to-day from our worldly employments, our hearts may be more and more taken off from present things, and prepared to leave them; and that by our employing our time to-day in the worship of God, we may be led into a more experimental acquaintance with the work of heaven, and be made more meet for that blessed world.

We confess we are utterly unworthy of the honour and unable for the work of communion with thee, but we come to thee in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, who is worthy, and depend upon the assistance of thy blessed Spirit to work all our work in us, and so to ordain peace for us.

We keep this day holy to the honour of God the Father Almighty, the Maker of heaven and earth, in remembrance of the work of creation, that work of wonder in which thou madest all things out of nothing by the word of thy power, and all very good; and they continue to this day according to thine ordinance, for all are thy servants. Thou art worthy to receive blessing, and honour, and glory, and power; for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created. O thou who at first didst command the light to shine out of darkness, who saidst on the first day of the first week, Let there be light; and there was light; we

pray thee shine this day into our hearts, and give us more and more of the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ; and let us be thy workmanship created in Christ Jesus unto good works, a kind of first fruits of thy creatures.

We likewise sanctify this day to the honour of our Lord Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, and our exalted Redeemer, in remembrance of his resurrection from the dead on the first day of the week, by which he was declared to be the Son of God with power. We bless thee, that having laid down his life to make atonement for sin, he rose again for our justification, that he might bring in an everlasting righteousness. That the stone which the builders refused, the same is become the head stone of the corner; this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes. We bless thee, that he is risen from the dead, as the first fruits of them that slept, that he might be the resurrection and the life to us. Now we pray, that while we are celebrating the memorial of his resurrection with joy and triumph, we may experience in our souls the power, and virtue of his resurrection, that we may rise with him, may rise from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, from the dust of this world to a holy, heavenly, spiritual, and divine life. O that we may be planted together in the likeness of Christ's resurrection, that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also may walk in newness of life.

We sanctify this day also to the honour of the eternal Spirit, that blessed Spirit of grace, the comforter, rejoicing at the remembrance of the descent of the Spirit upon the apostles on the day of Pentecost, the first day of the week likewise. We bless thee, that when Jesus was glorified, the Holy Ghost was given to make up the want of his bodily presence, to carry on his undertaking, and to ripen things for his second coming; and that we have a promise that he shall abide with us for ever. And now we pray that the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead, may dwell and rule in every one of us to make us partakers of a new and divine nature. Come, O blessed Spirit of grace, and breathe upon these dry bones,

these dead hearts of ours, that they may live and be in us a spirit of faith and love and holiness, a spirit of power and of a sound mind.

O Lord, we bless thee for thy holy word, which is a light to our feet, and a lamp to our paths, and which was written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope; that the scriptures are preserved pure and entire to us, and that we have them in a language that we understand. We beg that we may not receive the grace of God herein in vain. We bless thee, that our eyes see the joyful light, and our ears hear the joyful sound of a Redeemer and a Saviour, and of redemption and salvation by him; that life and immortality are brought to light by the Gospel, Glory be to God in the highest, for in and through Jesus Christ there is on earth peace, and good will towards men.

We bless thee for the great gospel-record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Lord, we receive it as a faithful saying, and well worthy of all acceptation: we will venture our immortal souls upon it; and we are encouraged by it to come to thee, to beg for an interest in the mediation of thy Son. O let him be made of God to us, wisdom, righteousness, sanctification, and redemption; let us be effectually called into fellowship with him, and by faith be united to him, so that Christ may live in us, and we may grow up into him in all things, who is the head; that we may bring forth fruit in him, and whatever we do in word or deed, we may do all in his name. O let us have the Spirit of Christ, that thereby we may make it appear we are his, through him, we pray that we may have eternal life, that we may none of us come short of it, but may all of us have the first fruits and earnests of it abiding in us.

We bless thee for the new covenant made with us in Jesus Christ; that when the covenant of innocency was irreparably broken, so that it was become impossible for us to get to heaven by that covenant, thou wast then pleased to deal with us upon new terms; that we are under grace, and not under the law; that this covenant is established upon better promises in the hand of a Me-

diator: Lord, we fly for refuge to it, we take hold of it as the hope set before us. O receive us graciously into the bond of this covenant, and make us accepted in the beloved according to the tenor of the covenant. Thou hast declared concerning the Lord Jesus, that he is thy beloved Son in whom thou art well pleased, and we humbly profess that he is our beloved Saviour in whom we are well pleased: Lord, be well pleased with us in him.

O that our hearts may be filled this day with pleasing thoughts of Christ and his love to us, that great love wherewith he loved us. O the admirable dimensions of that love; the height, and depth, and length, and breadth of the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge! Let this love constrain us to love him, and to live to him, who died for us, and rose again. O that it may be a pleasure and mighty satisfaction to us to think that while we are here praying at the footstool of the throne of grace, our blessed Saviour is sitting at the right hand of the throne of glory, interceding for us. We earnestly beg that through him we may find favour with thee our God, and may be taken into covenant and communion with thee.

We humbly pray thee, for his sake, forgive all our sins, known and unknown, in thought, word, and deed: through him let us be acquitted of the guilt, and accepted as righteous in thy sight: let us not come into condemnation, as we have deserved: let our iniquity be taken away, and our sin covered; and let us be clothed with the spotless robe of Christ's righteousness, that the shame of our nakedness may not appear. O let there be no cloud of guilt to interpose between us and our God this day, and to intercept our comfortable communion with him. And let our lusts be mortified and subdued that our corruptions may not be as a clog to us, to hinder the ascent of our souls heaven-wards.

We pray thee, assist us in all the religious services of this thine own holy day; go along with us to the solemn assembly, for if thy presence go not up with us, wherefore should we go up? give us to draw nigh to thee with a true heart, with a free heart, with a fixed

heart, and in full assurance of faith. Meet us with a blessing: grace thine own ordinances with thy presence, that special presence of thine which thou hast promised there, where two or three are gathered together in thy name. Help us against our manifold infirmities, and the sins that do most easily beset us in our attendance upon thee; let thy word come with life and power to our souls, and be as good seed sown in good soil, taking root, and bringing forth fruit to thy praise; and let our prayers and praises be spiritual sacrifices, acceptable in thy sight, through Christ Jesus; and let those that tarry at home divide the spoil.

Let thy presence be in all the assemblies of good Christians this day: grace be with all them that love the Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity; let great grace be upon them all. In the chariot of the everlasting gospel, let the great REDEEMER ride forth triumphantly, conquering and to conquer, and let every thought be brought into obedience to him: let many be brought to believe the report of the gospel, and to many let the arm of the Lord be revealed: let sinners be converted unto thee, and thy saints edified and built up in faith, holiness and comfort unto salvation: complete the number of thine elect, and hasten thy kingdom.

Now the Lord of peace himself give us peace always by all means. The God of hope fill us with joy and peace in believing, for Christ Jesus' sake, our blessed Saviour and Redeemer, who hath taught us to pray, *Our Father which art in heaven, &c.*

A Family Prayer for the Lord's Day Evening.

O ETERNAL, and for ever blessed and glorious Lord God! Thou art God over all, and rich in mercy to all that call upon thee, most wise and powerful, holy, just, and good; the King of kings, and Lord of lords; our Lord and our God.

Thou art happy without us, and hast no need of our services, neither can our goodness extend unto thee, but we are miserable without thee; we have need of thy

favours, and are undone, for ever undone, if thy goodness extend not unto us, and therefore, Lord, we intreat thy favour with our whole hearts: O let thy favour be towards us in Jesus Christ, for our happiness is bound up in it, and it is to us better than life. We confess we have forfeited thy favour, we have rendered ourselves utterly unworthy of it; yet we are humbly bold to pray for it in the name of Jesus Christ, who loved us, and gave himself for us.

We bewail it before thee, that by the corruption of our natures we are become odious to thine holiness and utterly unfit to inherit the kingdom of God, and that by our many actual transgressions we are become obnoxious to thy justice, and liable to thy wrath and curse. Being by nature children of disobedience, we are children of wrath, and have reason both to blush and tremble in all our approaches to the holy and righteous God: Even the iniquity of our holy things would be our ruin, if God should deal with us according to the desert of them.

But with thee, O God, there is mercy and plenteous redemption: thou hast graciously provided for all those that repent and believe the gospel, that the guilt of their sin shall be removed through the merit of Christ's death, and the power of their sins broken by his Spirit and grace, and he is both ways able to save to the uttermost all those that come unto God by him, seeing he ever lives making intercession for us.

Lord we come to thee as a Father, by Jesus Christ the Mediator, and earnestly desire, by repentance and faith, to turn from the world and the flesh, to God in Jesus Christ, as our ruler and portion. We are sorry that we have offended thee, we are ashamed to think of our treacherous and ungrateful carriage towards thee. We desire that we may have no more to do with sin, and pray as earnestly that the power of sin may be broken in us, as that the guilt of sin may be removed from us: and we rely only upon the righteousness of Jesus Christ, and upon the merit of his death, for the procuring of thy favour. O look upon us in him, and for his sake

receive us graciously; heal our backslidings, and love us freely, and let not our iniquity be our ruin.

We beg that being justified by faith, we may have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation for sin, that he may be just and the justifier of them which believe in Jesus. Through him who was made sin for us, though he knew no sin, let us, who know no righteousness of our own, be accepted as righteous.

And the God of peace sanctify us wholly, begin and carry on that good work in our souls, renew us in the spirit of our minds, and make us in every thing such as thou wouldest have us to be. Set up thy throne in our hearts, write thy law there, plant thy fear there, and fill us with all the graces of thy Spirit, that we may be fruitful in the fruits of righteousness, to the glory and the praise of God.

Mortify our pride, and clothe us with humility, mortify our passion, and put upon us the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price. Save us from the power of a vain mind, and let thy grace be mighty in us to make us serious and sober-minded. Let the flesh be crucified in us, with all its affections and lusts, and give us grace to keep under our body, and to bring it into subjection to the laws of religion and right reason, and always to possess our vessel in sanctification and honour.

Let the love of the world be rooted out of us, and that covetousness which is idolatry: and let the love of God in Christ be rooted in us. Shed abroad that love in our hearts by the Holy Ghost, and give us to love thee the Lord our God with all our heart, and soul, and mind, and might; and to do all we do in religion from a principle of love to thee.

Mortify in us all envy, hatred, malice, and uncharitableness, pluck up these roots of bitterness out of our minds, and give us grace to love one another with a pure heart fervently, as becomes the followers of the Lord Jesus, who has given us this as his new commandment. O that brotherly love may continue among us, love without dissimulation.

We pray thee rectify all our mistakes; if in any thing we be in an error, discover it to us, and let the Spirit of truth, lead us into all truth, the truth as it is in Jesus, the truth which is according to godliness, and give us that good understanding which they have that do thy commandments; let our love and all good affections abound in us yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment.

Convince us, we pray thee, of the vanity of this world, and its utter insufficiency to make us happy, that we may never set our hearts upon it, nor raise our expectation from it: and convince us of the vileness of sin, and its certain tendency to make us miserable, that we may hate it, and dread it, and every thing that looks like it, or leads to it.

Convince us, we pray thee, of the worth of our own souls, and the weight of eternity, and the awfulness of that everlasting state which we are standing upon the brink of, and make us diligent and serious in our preparation for it, labouring less for the meat that perisheth, and more for that which endures to eternal life, as those who have set their affections on things above, and not on things that are on the earth, which are trifling and transitory.

O that time and the things of time may be as nothing to us in comparison with eternity, and the things of eternity; that eternity may be much upon our heart, and ever in our eye; that we may be governed by that faith which is the substance of things hoped for, and the evidence of things not seen; looking continually at the things that are not seen, that are eternal.

Give us grace, we pray thee, to look up to the other world with such a holy concern, as that we may look down upon this world with a holy contempt and indifferency, as those that must be here but a very little while, and must be somewhere for ever; that we may rejoice as though we rejoiced not, and weep as though we wept not, buy as though we possessed not, and may use this world as not abusing it, because the fashion of this world passeth away, and we are passing away with it.

O let thy grace be mighty in us, and sufficient for us, to prepare us for that great change which will come certainly and shortly, and may come very suddenly, which will remove us from a world of sense to a world of spirits; from our state of trial and probation, to that of recompense and retribution; and to make us meet for the inheritance of the saints in light; that when we fail, we may be received into everlasting habitations.

Prepare us, we beseech thee, for whatever we may meet with betwixt us and the grave. We know not what is before us, and therefore know not what particular provision to make; but thou dost, and therefore we beg of thee to fit us by thy grace for all the services and all the sufferings which thou shalt at any time call us out to; and arm us against every temptation which we may at any time be assaulted with, that we may at all times and in all conditions glorify God, keep a good conscience, and be found in the way of our duty, and may keep up our hope and joy in Christ, and a believing prospect of eternal life, and then welcome the holy will of God.

Give us grace, we pray thee, to live a life of communion with thee, both in ordinances and providences, to set thee always before us, and to have our eyes ever upon thee, and to live a life of dependence upon thee, upon thy power, providence, and promise, trusting in thee at all times, and pouring out our hearts before thee, and to live a life of devotedness to thee, and to thine own honour and glory, as our highest end: and that we may make religion not only our business, but our pleasure, we beseech thee enable us to live a life of complacency in thee, to rejoice in thee always; that making God our heart's delight, so that we may have our heart's desire; and this is our heart's desire, to know, and love, and live to God, to please him and to be pleased in him.

We beseech thee preserve us in our integrity to our dying day, and grant that we may never forsake thee, or turn from following after thee, but that with purpose of heart we may cleave unto the Lord, and may not count life itself dear to us, so we may but finish our course with joy and true honour.

Let thy good providence order all the circumstances of our dying, so as we may best befriend our comfortable removal to a better world; and let thy grace be sufficient for us then to enable us to finish well; and let us then have an abundant entrance ministered to us into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

And while we are here, make us wiser and better every day than others; more weaned from the world and more willing to leave it; more holy, heavenly, and spiritual; that the longer we live in this world, the fitter we may be for another, and our last days may be our best days, and our last works our best works, and our last comforts our sweetest comforts.

We humbly pray thee accomplish all that which thou hast promised concerning thy church in the latter days; let the earth be filled with thy glory. Let the fulness of the Gentiles be brought in, and let all Israel be saved. Let the mountain of the Lord's house be established upon the top of the mountains, and exalted above the hills, and let all nations flow unto it.

Propagate the gospel in the plantations, and let the enlargement of trade and commerce contribute to the enlargement of thy church. Let the kingdom of Christ be set up in all places upon the ruins of the devil's kingdom:

Hasten the downfal of the man of sin, and let primitive Christianity, even pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father, be revived, and be made to flourish in all places, and let the power of godliness prevail and get ground among all that have the form of it.

Let the wars of the nations end in the peace of the church, the shakings of the nations end in the establishment of the church, and the convulsions and revolutions of states and kingdoms in the settlement and advancement of the kingdom of God among men, that kingdom which cannot be moved.

Let Great Britain and Ireland flourish in all their public interests: let thine everlasting gospel be always the glory in the midst of us, and let thy providence be a wall of fire round about us: destroy us not, but let

a blessing be among us, even a meat offering and a drink offering to the Lord our God.

Be very gracious to our sovereign lord the king, protect his person, preserve his health, prolong his days, guide his councils, let his reign be prosperous, and crown all his undertakings for the public good.

Bless the privy-counsellors, the nobility, the judges, and magistrates in our several counties and corporations, and make them all in their places faithful and serviceable to the interest of the nation, and every way public blessings.

Bless all the ministers of thy holy word and sacraments; make them burning and shining lights, and faithful to Christ, and to the souls of men; unite all thy ministers and people together in the truth, and in true love one to another; pour out a healing spirit upon them, a spirit of love and charity, mutual forbearance and condescension, that with one shoulder and with one consent all may study to promote the common interest of our great Master, and the common salvation of precious souls.

We pray thee prosper the trade of the nation, and our coasts, disappoint the devices of our enemies against us, preserve the public peace, and keep all the people of these lands in quietness among themselves, and due subjection to the authority God hath set over us; and let the Lord delight to dwell among us, and to do us good.

Bless the fruits of the earth, continue our plenty, abundantly bless our provision, and satisfy even our poor with bread.

We bless thee for all the mercies of this thine own holy day; we have reason to say that a day in thy courts is better than a thousand. How amiable are all thy tabernacles, O Lord of hosts! Bless the word that we have heard this day, to us, and to all that heard it; hear our prayers, accept our praises, and forgive what thy pure eye hath seen amiss in us and our performances.

Take us under thy protection this night, and enable us to close the day with thee, that we may lie down and our sleep may be sweet. Be with us the week following

in all our ways; forgive us that we brought so much of the week with us into the sabbath, and enable us to bring a great deal of the sabbath with us into the week, that we may be the fitter for the next sabbath if we shall live to see it.

Make us meet for the everlasting sabbath which we hope to keep within the veil, when time and days shall be no more: and let this day bring us a sabbath-day's journey nearer heaven, and make us a sabbath-day's work fitter for it.

As we began this Lord's day with the joyful memorials of Christ's resurrection, so we desire to conclude it with the joyful expectations of Christ's second coming, and of our own resurrection, then to a blessed immortality, triumphing in hope of the glory of God.

Bless the Lord, love the Lord, O our souls, and let all that is within us love and bless his holy name, for he is good and his mercy endures for ever. In praising God we desire to spend as much of our time as may be, that we may begin our heaven now; for in this, we hope to be spending a happy eternity.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, and our God, in three persons, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, be honour and glory, dominion and praise henceforth and for ever. *Amen.*

A Prayer proper to be put up by Parents for their Children.

O Lord our God, the God of the spirits of all flesh! All souls are thine, the souls of the parents, and the souls of the children are thine, and thou hast grace sufficient for both.

Thou wast our fathers's God, and as such we will exalt thee; thou art our children's God, and also we will plead with thee, for the promise is to us and our children, and thou art a God in covenant with believers and their seed.

Lord, it is thy good providence that hath built us up into a family: we thank thee for the children thou hast

graciously given thy servants; the Lord that hath blessed us with them, make them blessings indeed to us, that we may never be tempted to wish we had been written childless.

We lament the iniquity which our children are conceived and born in; and that corrupt nature which they derive through our loins.

But we bless thee there is a fountain opened for their cleansing from that original pollution, and that they were betimes by baptism dedicated to thee, and admitted into the bonds, and under the blessings of thy covenant: that they are born in thy house, and taken in as members of thy family upon earth.

It is a comfort to us to think that they are baptized, and we desire humbly to plead it with thee, they are thine, save them; enable them, as they become capable, to make it their own act and deed, to join themselves unto the Lord, that they may be owned as thine in that day when thou makest up thy jewels.

Give them a good capacity of mind, and a good disposition; make them towardly and tractable, and willing to receive instruction; incline them betimes to religion and virtue; Lord give them wisdom and understanding, and drive out the foolishness that is bound up in their hearts.

Save them from the vanity which childhood and youth is subject to, and fit them every way to live comfortably and usefully in this world. We ask not for great things in this world for them; give them, if it please thee, a strong and healthful constitution of body, preserve them from all ill accidents, and feed them with food convenient for them according to their rank.

But the chief thing we ask of God for them is, that thou wilt pour thy Spirit upon our seed, even thy blessing, that blessing of blessings upon our offspring; that they may be a seed to serve thee, which shall be accounted unto the Lord for a generation: give them that good part which never shall be taken away from them.

Give us wisdom and grace to bring them up in thy fear, in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, with

meekness and tenderness, and having them in subjection with all gravity. Teach us how to teach them the things of God as they are able to bear them, and how to reprove and admonish, and when there is need to correct them in a right manner; and how to set them a good example of every thing that is virtuous and praiseworthy, that we may recommend religion to them, and so train them up in the way wherein they should go, that if they live to be old, they may not depart from it.

Keep them from the snare of evil company, and all the temptations to which they are exposed, and make them betimes sensible how much it is their interest as well as their duty to be religious: and, Lord, grant that none of us may come short of eternal life, or be found on the left hand of Christ in the great day.

We earnestly pray that Christ may be formed in their souls, betimes, and that the seeds of grace may be sown in their hearts while they are young; and may have the satisfaction of seeing them walking in the truth, and setting their faces heaven-wards. Give them now to hear counsel and to receive instruction, that they may be w[illegible] in their latter end: and if they be wise, our he[illegible] rejoice, even ours.

Prosper the means of their education [illegible] ...ise ...ts shall be taught of the Lord, that great [illegible], let our children and give them so to know thee [illegible] may be their peace; Jesus Christ whom thou [illegible] the only true God, and to them, [illegible] hast sent, as may be life eternal

O that they may betimes get wisdom, and get understanding, and never forget it: as far as they are taught the truth as it is in Jesus, give them to continue in the things which they have learned.

It is our heart's desire and prayer that our children may be praising God on earth when we are gone to praise him in heaven, and that we and they may be together for ever, serving him day and night in his temple.

If it should please God to remove any of them from us while they are young, let us have grace submissively to resign them to thee, and let us have hope in their death.

If thou remove us from them whil[illegible]

be thou thyself a Father to them, to teach them, and provide for them, for with thee the fatherless findeth mercy.

Thou knowest our care concerning them, we cast it upon thee; ourselves and ours we commit to thee. Let not the light of our family religion be put out with us, nor that treasure be buried in our graves, but let those that come after us do thee more and better service in their day than we have done in ours, and be unto thee for a name and a praise.

In these prayers we aim at thy glory; Father, let thy name be sanctified in our family, there let thy kingdom come, and let thy will be done by us and ours, as it is done by the angels in heaven; for Christ Jesus's sake, our blessed Saviour and Redeemer, whose seed shall endure for ever, and his throne as the days of heaven. Now to the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, that great and sacred name, into which we and our children were baptized, be honour and glory, dominion and praise, henceforth and for ever. *Amen.*

A Prayer for the use of a particular Person before receiving of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Most holy, and blessed, and gracious Lord God, with all humility and reverence, I here present myself before thee, to seek thy face and entreat thy favour, and as an evidence of thy good will towards me, to beg that I may experience thy good work in me.

I acknowledge myself unworthy, utterly unworthy of the honour; unfit, utterly unfit for the service to which I am now called. It is an inestimable privilege, that I am admitted so often to hear from thee in thy word, and to speak to thee in prayer; and yet, as if this had been a small matter, I am now invited into communion with thee at thy holy table, there to celebrate the memorial of my Saviour's death, and to partake by faith of the precious benefits which flow from it. I who deserve not the crumbs, am called to eat the children's bread.

O Lord, I thank thee for the institution of this blessed

ordinance, this precious legacy and token of love, which the Lord Jesus left to his church, that it is preserved to this age, and administered in this land, that I am admitted to it, and have now before me an opportunity to partake of it; Lord, grant that I may not receive thy grace herein in vain.

O thou who hast called me to the marriage-supper of the Lamb, give me the wedding garment; work in me a disposition of soul, and all those pious and devout affections which are suited to the solemnities of this ordinance, and requisite to qualify me for an acceptable and advantageous participation of it. Behold the fire and the wood, all things are now ready; but where is the lamb for the burnt-offering? Lord provide thyself a lamb, by working in me all that which thou requirest of me upon this occasion. The preparation of the heart, and the answer of the tongue are both from thee; Lord, prepare my unprepared heart for communion with thee.

Lord, I confess I have sinned against thee, I have done foolishly, very foolishly, for foolishness is bound up in my heart; I have sinned and have come short of being glorified with thee. The imagination of my heart is evil continually, and the bias of my corrupt nature is very strong toward the world, and the flesh, and the gratification of sense; but towards God, and Christ, and heaven, I move slowly, and with a great many stops and pauses. Nay, there is in my carnal mind a wretched aversion to divine and spiritual things. I have mispent my time, trifled away my opportunities, have followed after lying vanities, and forsaken my own mercies. God be merciful to me a sinner! for how little have I done, since I came into the world, of the great work that I was sent into the world about!

Thou hast taken me into covenant with thee, for I am a baptized Christian set apart for thee, and sealed to be thine; thou hast laid me, and I also have laid myself under all possible obligations to love thee, and serve thee, and live to thee. But I have started aside from thee like a deceitful bow; I have not made good my covenant with thee, nor hath the temper of my mind, and the tenor of my conversation been agreeable to that

holy religion which I make profession of, to my expectations from thee, and engagements to thee. I am bent to backslide from the living God; and if I were under the law I were undone; but I am under grace, a covenant of grace, which leaves room for repentance, and promiseth pardon upon repentance, which invites even backsliding children to return, and promiseth that their backslidings shall be healed. Lord I take hold of this covenant, seal it to me at thy table. There let me find my heart truly humbled for sin, and sorrowing for it after a godly sort. O that I may there look upon him whom I have pierced and mourn and be in bitterness for him; that there I may sow in tears, and receive a broken Christ into a broken heart; and there let the blood of Christ, which speaks better things than that of Abel, be sprinkled upon my conscience, to purify and pacify it: there let me be assured that thou art reconciled to me, that my iniquities are pardoned, and that I shall not come into condemnation. There say unto me, Be of good cheer, thy sins are forgiven thee.

And that I may not come unworthily to this blessed ordinance, I beseech thee lead me into a more intimate and experimental acquaintance with Jesus Christ, and him crucified: with Jesus Christ, and him glorified; that knowing him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, and being by his grace planted in the likeness of both, I may both discern the Lord's body, and show forth the Lord's death.

Lord, I desire, by a true and lively faith, to close with Jesus Christ, and consent to him as my Lord, and my God; I here give up myself to him as my prophet, Priest, and King, to be ruled and taught, and saved by him; this is my beloved and this is my friend. None but Christ, none but Christ. Lord, encrease this faith in me, perfect what is lacking in it; and enable me, in receiving the bread and wine at thy table, by a lively faith, to receive Christ Jesus the Lord. O let the great gospel doctrine of Christ's dying to save sinners, which is represented in that ordinance by meat and drink to my soul, be meat indeed, and drink indeed. Let it be both nourishing and refreshing to me, let it be both my

strength and my song, and be the spring both of my holiness and of my comfort. And let such deep impressions be made upon my soul, by the actual commemoration of it, as may abide always upon me and have a powerful influence upon me in my whole conversation, that the life I now live in the flesh, I may live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Lord I beseech thee fix my thoughts; let my heart be engaged to approach unto thee, that I may attend upon thee without distraction. Draw out my desires towards thee; give me to hunger and thirst after righteousness, that I may be filled; and to draw near to thee with a true heart, and in full assurance of faith; and since I am not straitened in thee, O let me not be straitened in my own bosom.

Draw me, Lord, and I will run after thee. O send out thy light and thy truth, let them lead and guide me; pour thy Spirit upon me, put thy Spirit within me, to work in me both to will and to do that which is good, and leave me not to myself. Awake, O north wind, and come thou south, and blow upon my garden; come O blessed Spirit of grace, and enlighten my mind with the knowledge of Christ, bow my will to the will of Christ, fit my heart with the love of Christ, and confirm my resolutions to live and die with him.

Work in me (I pray thee) a principle of holy love and charity towards all men, that I may forgive my enemies, (which by thy grace I heartily do,) and may keep up a spiritual communion in faith, hope, and holy love, with all that in every place call on the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Lord, bless them all and particularly that congregation with which I am to join in this solemn ordinance. Good Lord, pardon every one that engageth his heart to seek God, the Lord God of their fathers, though not cleansed according to the purification of the sanctuary. Hear my prayers, and heal the people.

Lord, meet me with a blessing, a father's blessing at thy table; grace thine own institutions with thy presence; and fulfil in me all the good pleasure of thy goodness, and the work of faith with power, for the sake of

Jesus Christ, my blessed Saviour and Redeemer; to him, with the Father and the eternal Spirit, be everlasting praises. *Amen.*

Another, after receiving of the Lord's Supper.

O Lord, my God and my Father, in Jesus Christ, I can never sufficiently admire the condescension of thy grace to me; what is man that thou dost thus magnify him, and the son of man that thou thus visitest him? Who am I, and what is my house, that thou hast brought me hitherto? hast brought me into the banqueting-house, and thy banner over me hath been love? I have reason to say, That a day in thy courts, an hour at thy table, is better, far better, than a thousand days, than ten thousand hours elsewhere: it is good for me to draw near to God. Blessed be God for the privileges of his house, and those comforts with which he makes his people joyful in his house of prayer.

But I have reason to blush and be ashamed of myself, that I have not been more affected with the great things which have been set before me, and offered to me at the Lord's table. O what a vain, foolish, trifling heart have I? when I would do good, even evil is present with me; good Lord, be merciful to me, and pardon the iniquity of my holy things, and let not my many defects in my attendance upon thee be laid to my charge, or hinder my profiting by the ordinance.

I have now been commemorating the death of Christ, Lord, grant that by the power of that, sin may be crucified in me, the world crucified to me, and I to the world: and enable me so to bear about with me continually the dying of the Lord Jesus, as that the life also of Jesus may be manifested in my mortal body.

I have now been receiving the precious benefits which flow from Christ's death; Lord, grant that I may never lose, never forfeit those benefits, but, as I have received Christ Jesus the Lord, give me grace so to walk in him, and to live as one that am not my own, but bought with a price, glorifying God with my body and spirit, which are his.

I have now been renewing my covenant with thee, and engaging myself afresh to thee to be thine; now, Lord, give me grace to perform my vow. Keep it always in the imagination of the thought of my heart, and establish my way before thee. Lord, preserve me by thy grace, that I may never return again to folly; after God hath spoken peace, may I never by my loose and careless walking undo what I have been doing to-day: but having my heart enlarged with the consolation of God, give me to run the way of thy commandments with cheerfulness and constancy, and still to hold fast in my integrity.

This precious soul of mine, which is the work of thine own hands, and the purchase of thy Son's blood, I commit into thy hands, to be sanctified by thy Spirit and grace, and wrought up into conformity to thy holy will in every thing: Lord set up thy throne in my heart, write thy law there, shed abroad thy love there, and bring every thought within into obedience to thee, to the commanding power of thy love. Keep, through thine own name, that which I commit unto thee, keep it against that day when it shall be called for; let me be preserved blameless to the coming of thy glory, that I then may be presented faultless with exceeding joy.

All my outward affairs I submit to the disposal of thy wise and gracious providence; Lord, save my soul, and then as to other things do as thou pleasest with me; only make all providences work together for my spiritual and eternal advantage. Let all things be pure to me, and give me to taste covenant love, in common mercies; and by thy grace let me be taught, both how to want, how to abound, how to enjoy prosperity, and how to bear adversity as becomes a Christian; and at all times let thy grace be sufficient for me, and mighty in me, to work in me both to will and to do that which is good of thine own good pleasure.

And that in every thing I may do my duty, and stand complete in it, let my heart be enlarged in love to Jesus Christ, and affected with the heighth and depth, the length and breadth of that love of his to me, which passeth all conception and expression.

And as an evidence of that love, let my mouth be filled with his praises. Worthy is the Lamb that was slain, to receive blessing, and honour, and glory, and power; for he was slain, and hath redeemed a chosen remnant to God by his blood, and made them to him kings and priests. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and let all that is within me bless his holy name, who forgiveth all mine iniquities, and healeth all my diseases; who redeemeth my life from destruction, and crowneth me with loving kindness and tender mercy; who having begun a good work, will perform it unto the day of Christ. As long as I live will I bless the Lord; I will praise my God while I have any being; and when I have no being upon earth, I hope to have a being in heaven to be doing it better. O let me be borne up in everlasting arms, and carried from strength to strength, till I appear before God in Zion, for Jesus' sake, who died for me, and rose again, in whom I desire to be found living and dying. Now to God the Father, Son and Spirit, be ascribed kingdom, power and glory, henceforth and for ever. *Amen.*

An Address to God before meat.

O Lord our God, in thee we live and move, and have our being, and from thee receive all supports and comforts of our being: thou spreadest our table, and fillest our cup, and comfortest us with the gifts of thy bounty from day to day. We own our dependence upon thee, and our obligations to thee, pardon our sins, we pray thee; sanctify thy good creatures to our use, and give us grace to receive them soberly and thankfully, and to eat and drink not to ourselves but to thy glory, through Jesus Christ our blessed Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

Another.

Gracious God, thou art the protector and preserver of the whole creation, thou hast fed us all our lives, unto this day, with food convenient for us, though we are evil and unthankful. We pray thee forgive all our sins, by which we have forfeited all thy mercies, and let us see

our forfeited right restored in Christ Jesus. Give us to taste covenant love in common mercies, and to use these and all our creature-comforts to the glory of our great benefactor, through the grace of our great Redeemer. *Amen.*

An Address to God after Meat.

Blessed be the Lord, who daily loads us with his benefits, and gives us all things richly to enjoy, though we serve him but poorly. O Lord, we thank thee for present refreshments in the use of thy good creatures, and for thy love to our souls in Jesus Christ, which sweetens all: we pray thee pardon our sins, go on to do us good, provide for the poor that are destitute of daily food, fit us for thy whole will, and be our God and guide, and portion for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

Another.

We thank thee, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for all the gifts, both of thy providence and of thy grace; for those blessings which relate to the life that now is, and that to come; for the use of thy good creatures at this time; perfect, O God, that which concerns us, nourish our souls with the bread of life to life eternal, and let us be of those that shall eat bread in the kingdom of our Father, for Christ Jesus's sake our Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

HYMN I.....*Psalm* LVII. 7, 8.

My heart is now prepar'd for praise,
'Tis fixed for the same;
And I will sing to thee, O Lord,
And bless thy holy name.
Awake my glory, lute and harp,
Comforts of praise to make,
Now in the morning I myself
Will to this work awake.

....XIX. 1—6.

The heavens, throughout their vast extent,
  Declare their Maker's praise;
The glittering starry firmament
  His handy-work displays.
Day unto day doth celebrate,
  And night to night proclaim,
Without the help of speech or tongue,
  His universal fame.
There doth the sun with joy and strength
  His constant course complete,
The earth rejoiceth in his light,
  And in his quickning heat.

....XC. 17.

So let the Lord shine on our souls,
  Lighten and warm us thus:
Prosper, O God, our handy-works;
  And stablish them to us.

HYMN II....*Psalm* CXVIII. 15.....III. 5.

The voice of saving health and joy
  In just men's dwellings is;
The Lord's right hand works powerfully,
  That strong right hand of his.
I laid me down and sweetly slept,
  And safely wak'd again,
Because it was the Lord that kept,
  And did my soul sustain.

....XXX. 20, 21, 22.

Therefore we wait for thee, O Lord,
  Who still art our defence;
In all estates we trust in thee
  With cheerful confidence.
Lord, let thy grace on us descend
  Like a refreshing shower;
For all our hopes and joys depend
  On thine almighty power.

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